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Italian Warship Hit By Torpedoes

CAIRO, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—An Italian cruiser or a large destroyer was among the ships sunk or damaged in a series of attacks which the Fleet Air Arm made against enemy shipping in Valona and Durazzo last Saturday and Monday nights, states a communique issued here today.

Six or seven hits were obtained with torpedoes. The communique says that the attacks were extremely successful and caused severe damage.

Transports Torpedoed
LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Further successes have been reported by British submarines operating against Italy's sea communications, says an Admiralty communique.

The submarine *Utmost* (Lieut. Commander R. D. Cayley) carried out a successful attack on an escorted convoy of two deeply laden Italian transports of about 6,000 and 4,000 tons crowded with troops. The explosions of the torpedoes were followed by a very violent explosion, and it is considered certain that at least one of the transports was completely destroyed.

The submarine *Triumph* (Lieut. Commander W. J. Woods) has sunk two deeply laden Italian supply ships, each of about 2,500 tons.

The submarine *Unique* (Lieut. Commander A. F. Collett) has torpedoed a fully laden Italian supply ship of about 3,000 tons which was proceeding in an escorted convoy. This supply ship is almost certainly sunk.

Admiralty Communique
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 20 (UP).—The Admiralty today announced that the British submarines *Unique*, *Utmost* and *Triumph* sunk four and probably five Italian ships in the Mediterranean including two transports of about 6,000 and 4,000 tons each believed to have been heavily laden with troops.

The announcement said the torpedo explosions were followed by very violent explosions and it is considered that at least one transport was completely destroyed.

The *Unique* attacked an Italian supply ship of about 3,000 tons which was "almost certainly sunk; the *Utmost* sank two transports while the *Triumph* sank two deeply laden Italian supply ships, each of about 2,500 tons."

Gallup-ing To War

Americans Vote

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—"If you were asked to vote on the question of the United States going to war or staying out, how would you vote?"

This question, the latest to be put by the Gallup survey, revealed that 17 per cent. of those asked favoured going to war and 83 per cent. favoured staying out.

The figures show a two-per cent. increase of those favouring going to war compared to the last similar poll. The South, with 20 per cent., showed the largest percentage of those favouring war while the west and Central, the agricultural districts, were lowest with 14 per cent.

Southern Thrust Into Abyssinia Opens Roads

NAIROBI, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Yavello, in southern Abyssinia, has been taken by regular troops according to today's official communique which adds that operations are progressing in the Neghelli area.

British patrols contacted the enemy in the difficult mountainous country surrounding Marda Pass, eight miles west of Jijiga, the capture of which, says the communique, was not difficult.

Some prisoners were taken with the town.

"The capture of this important centre, new routes have been opened up running east to Berbera and west to Dire Dawa, where the road meets the through railway from Djibouti," says the communique.

AMERICA TO CONSTRUCT GREAT BATTLE FLEET: 65,000-TON WARSHIPS

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, MAR. 20 (UP).—THE SENATE BY VOTE TO-DAY PASSED THE \$3,446,000,000 BILL PROVIDING FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE GREATEST PEACE-TIME WARSHIP CONSTRUCTION IN UNITED STATES HISTORY. THIS SWIFT ACTION FOLLOWED THE APPROVAL OF TWO BILLS AUTHORIZING THE NAVY TO MAKE CONTRACTS FOR A CHAIN OF SEA BASES.

Representative Melvyn Maas, of the Naval Affairs Committee, revealed that the two-ocean naval expansion programme will include five super-battleships of from 60,000 to 65,000 tons. He said he had been informed that the super-ships were contracted for in September last. The Navy Department declined to confirm or deny this.

BRITISH BOMBERS ACTIVE Fierce Eritrea And Abyssinia Raids

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Mar. 20 (UP).—Intense R.A.F. activity is continuing in Eritrea particularly in the Keren and Asmara areas, according to an official announcement. The enemy positions in the hills around Keren were repeatedly dive-bombed and machine-gunned.

Enemy transport on the road between Keren and Asmara was attacked.

During the heavy raid on Asmara the telegraph office and the Fiat works were bombed.

Another formation bombed the railway station. The aerodrome at Dessie was heavily attacked and badly damaged.

The harbour at Tripoli was heavily bombed and one stick of bombs fell on a concentration of shipping. At Tamer there were explosions and fires among dispersed enemy planes. The R.A.F. also raided an enemy aerodrome at Tripolitania and military objectives at Tepelini. One plane is missing.

U.S. Warships In New Zealand

WELLINGTON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—"Acc ace, Kia kaha"—Maori words meaning "For ever, for ever, we shall fight on"—was the message which the United States naval squadron which has been visiting Auckland took with it when it sailed today.

During the ships' visit a large banner bearing these words were hung over the main street of Auckland and to-day Sir Ernest Davis, the Mayor of Auckland, gave it as a parting gift to Captain Stone, commanding the squadron.

When the cruiser *Brooklyn* led the squadron to sea, the banner was draped around her bridge.

Mr Maas asserted the super-battleships would conform with the naval limitation treaty tonnage of 45,000 tons owing to the fact that the "treaty tonnage is the weight of the ships practically as they slide off the ways. When ships are outfitted with guns, and armour, the tonnage is increased considerably." He said that the names, Montana, Ohio, Maine, New Hampshire and Louisiana had been assigned to these ships.

Informed circles stated that none of the keels has as yet been laid.

Mr Maas declared that there was some possibility of mounting 18-inch guns but it was more probable that the ships would carry 16 inch guns.

Chain of Naval Bases
WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (UP).—The Senate to-day approved the conference reports on authorisation bills totalling \$342,876,303, including a chain of naval and air bases in eight British possessions in the Atlantic and work in the Pacific. This approval completed Congressional action.

The approval of the naval base authorisation was unanimous and coincided with the London reports that there was full agreement between the United States and Britain regarding the legal conditions of the lease bill. Two other bills also authorised the improvements and partial fortification of Guam and Samoa.

Aviation Station
WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Two bills authorising the expenditure of \$345,000,000 on naval and public works programmes, including work on the Pacific islands of Guam and Samoa and bases recently acquired from Britain, were passed in the Senate to-day.

The bills, which include the expenditure of \$16,500,000 for aviation stations in British possessions, now await President Roosevelt's signature.

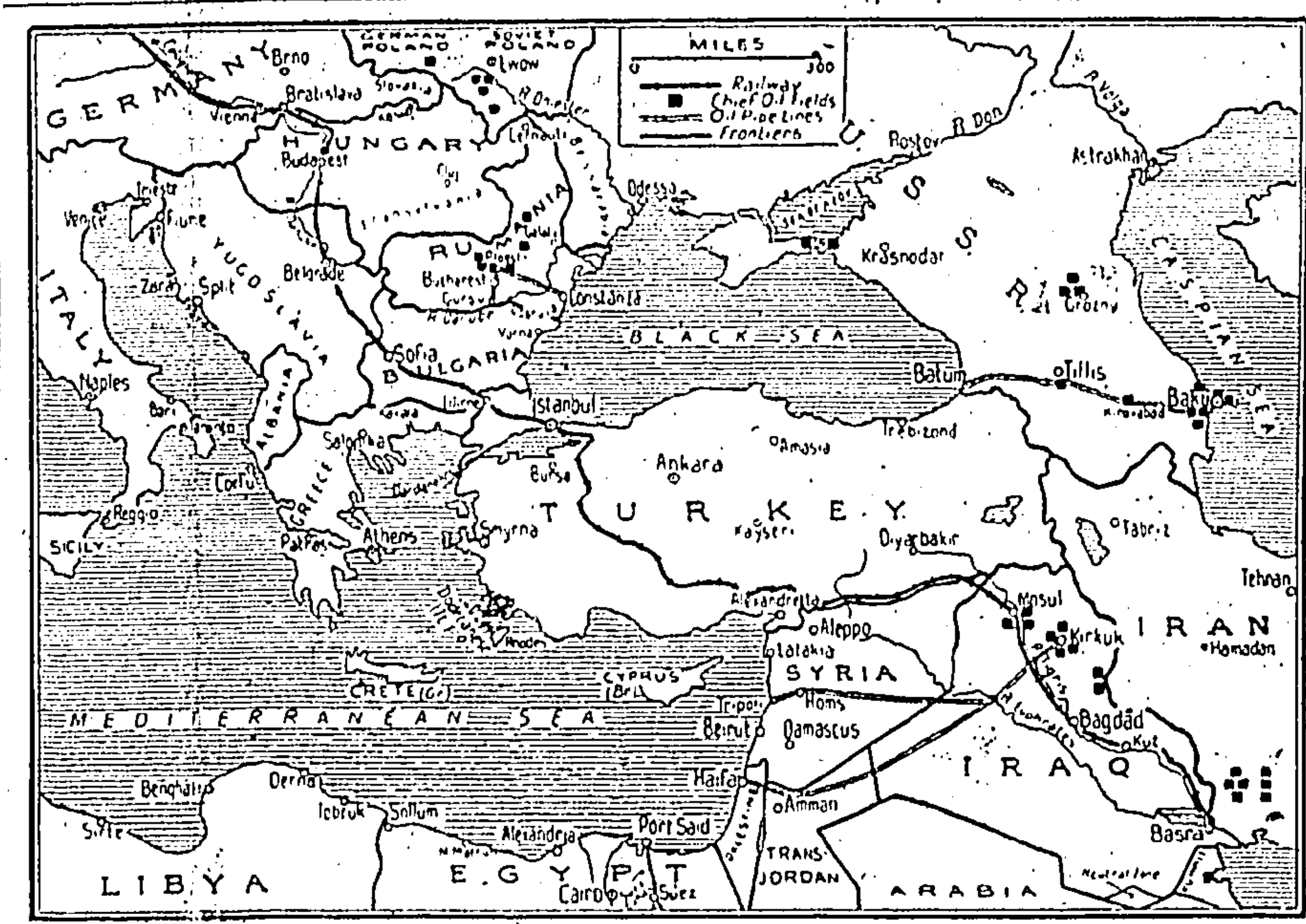
INDIA FACTORY EXPANSION

BOMBAY, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Sir Alexander Rogers, Chairman of the Roger Mission, disclosed in press interview to-day that the mission had recommended a large-scale factory expansion in India.

Intended for war work, the factories will be equipped with modern machinery which will prove suitable for mankind's peace-time work and thus add materially to India's industrial capacity.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News



R.A.F. Bomber Joins German Squadron & Bombs Aerodrome

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 20 (UP).—The Air Ministry states that an R.A.F. bomber flying over enemy occupied territory recently, joined a formation of German bombers who were returning from Britain and received the landing signal from a German aerodrome. The R.A.F. pilot flew down as though to land and then a member of his crew signalled on a flash lamp, "Heil Hitler" and the bomber dropped a stick of bombs across the aerodrome, after which the plane returned to Britain.

Cologne & Lorient Bombed By R.A.F.

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 20 (UP).—Royal Air Force bombers scored important hits with heavy high explosive and incendiary bombs on Cologne factories last night, according to an official announcement.

ALBANIA Enemy Tanks Held With Steady Fire

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The failure of another Italian attempt to break the Greek lines in the centre of the Albanian front is related in a Greek Press Ministry statement broadcast by the Athens radio.

The assault, which took the form of a tank attack, is described as being of an intensity equal to those of last week, though it was local and of limited scope.

The tanks were intended to open the way for Italian infantry but the Greek forces stood up to this method of attack with the same cool determination as that which characterised their victorious resistance to the violent attacks of last week, says the statement.

Anti-Tank Fire
Greek anti-tank batteries opened an intense and rapid fire. After the first few rounds, one tank received a direct hit which broke its chain and caused it to over-turn. A few seconds later, a second tank was shattered by another direct hit and a third tank soon shared the same fate.

Thereupon the remaining tanks turned and retreated at full speed, leaving a mass of Italian infantry exposed to the concentrated fire of the Greek artillery and the crossfire of the Greek machine-guns.

The Italian troops bravely advanced in waves but were mown down in masses and the field was strewn with dead, the enemy's losses being terrible.

Bombing Cologne
LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—How a British heavy bomber on its way to bomb Cologne last night disposed of a Messerschmitt fighter is told by the Air Ministry.

The Messerschmitt came in three times to attack the bomber, whose fire hit the fighter and probably destroyed it.

After this encounter, the bomber went on to bomb Cologne.

Roosevelt Broadcast

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The speech President Roosevelt is to make at the dinner in Washington on Jackson Day (March 29), will be attended by leaders of the Democratic Party.

The Eastern Mediterranean

Attention is being focussed on the Eastern Mediterranean as a result of diplomatic and military manoeuvres between Britain, Greece and Turkey, which have followed Nazi occupation of Bulgaria. This map illustrates the strategic importance of the Eastern Mediterranean to Britain and her allies.

Japanese Evacuate Singapore Mounting Tension In Far East

SINGAPORE, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The N.Y.K. liner *Haruma Maru* sailed for Japan at noon today carrying the last group of Japanese women and children evacuating Singapore in view of the mounting tension in the Far East, states a Japanese report.

Count Michimasa Soewima and seven members of the Afghanistan mission to Japan are also on board.

Americans Leaving Japan

TOKYO, Mar. 20 (Domel).—Revising its former order to all Methodist missionaries in Japan and Korea to evacuate to the United States, the Mission Board in New York has asked the Mission Council of the Methodist Church to transfer the group of women missionaries to the Philippines.

This first group will include Miss Helen Moore of the Kwassai Girls' School at Nagasaki, and Misses Patricia McHugh and Nell Dyer of the Aoyama Gakuin College of Tokyo who left for Manila aboard the President Cleveland this afternoon.

Misses McHugh and Dyer had booked for the United States on the President Pierce but they changed their plans upon the last-minute advice from New York.

Another woman missionary, Mrs T. T. Brumbaugh, with her daughter Miss Barbara Alton, left this afternoon aboard the Nippon Kaisha liner *Nitta Maru* for the United States. Mrs Brumbaugh has been aiding her husband in the Wesley Foundation in Japan in Yotsuya Ward in Tokyo.

Teacher First Back

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, March 20 (Domel).—Miss Grace Stowe, of the faculty of Kobe TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Cruisers Head For Indo-China

SAIGON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—A further addition to the French Asiatic Fleet is indicated in a report that three cruisers of the 7,600-ton class and one submarine have already left France en route to Saigon, states a Japanese report.

It is recalled that a French submarine arrived here on March 8 from France. The three cruisers are reported to be the *Gloire*, the *Marsaille* and the *Montcalm*.

Mediation Terms

BANGKOK, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Negotiations between the French and Thai delegates at Tokyo for a new convention readjusting their borders on the basis of the mediation agreement signed on March 11 are progressing smoothly, the newspaper "Pratimitra" reported to-day, according to a Japanese source.

While only details are being worked out, it is understood that the navigation question is also being discussed.

Preparations are now under way to accord a triumphal welcome to the Thai delegates who are expected to return from Tokyo sometime between April 2 and 5. Bangkok is being decorated in the most elaborate fashion.

It is understood that Thai soldiers who fought at the frontiers will also receive a welcome as soon as they carry out the provisions of the new Franco-Thai convention to be signed on April 1.

Women Say Red Tape Is Holding Up War Work

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The House of Commons today had an "All-Woman Day." Seven out of ten of the M.P.'s joined forces for the first time to present the case of the women of Britain to the Government—and they did so with feminine forcefulness.

Service, Mr. R. Ashtien, admitted that if the Government failed to attract as many men as were needed, it could only be because it approached them in the wrong way. If compulsory powers had to be used, it would be in an almost negligible number of cases.

Only three men participated in the debate and at the conclusion, Sir John Anderson, Lord President of the Council, in winding up, apologised as a man for his intervention on the ground that "folk rush in where angels-cannot tread."

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 24th day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON, Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

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THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.



DEFENDERS—Garbed in heavy uniforms and fur caps, first U. S. soldiers assigned to protect naval bases leased from Great Britain leave Brooklyn, N. Y., for St. John's, Newfoundland.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Compositions of Rossini.
1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Joe Green (Xylophone and Bell) and Mill North (Organ).
1.10 Paul Hobson (Harp) and The London Palladium Orchestra.

1.30 Reader and Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music.
2.15 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The Boston Symphony Orchestra with Lawrence Tibbett (Bartolomeo).
7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Newsletter by O. M. Green.

7.30 Excerpts from Grand Opera.
8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 Tchaikowsky—The Swan Lake—Ballet Music.
8.35 A Piano and Violin Recital by Vladimir Horowitz and Yehudi Menuhin.

9.00 London Relay—The News.
9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
9.30 Request Variety Programme.

Vocal Duet—Another One Gone (Nichols).
Blaney and Green—Farmer with Piano and Cello; Chu-Chin-Chow—Selection (Norton).
London Palladium Orchestra; Vocal—Little Lady Make-Believe (Tobias, Simon).
Bing Crosby with Eddie Dunstetter at the Organ; Dixieland—Selection; Intro: Whistling Rufus; Alexander's Ragtime Band; Deep River; Dinah; The Wedding Glide; Oh! You Beautiful Doll; I Want to Be in Dixie; The Gaby Blide; The Shiek; The Ragtime Violin; That Mysterious Rag; Back Home in Tennessee; Debroy Somers with Vocal Chorus; Vocal—When April Sings; Waltzing in the Clouds (both from film "Spring Parade"); Deanna Durbin with Orchestra.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 London Relay—Correspondence Column by Sidney Hornblow.
10.15 Request Variety Programme continued.

Orchestra—Gaiety Memories; Intro: Going Up; Every Little Girl can teach me something New; The Last Waltz; They didn't believe me; White City; Brighton; The Tickle Toe; Mary; Here in my Arms; The Guards Brigade; London Palladium Orchestra; Vocal—You're a Sweetheart (from the film); My Fine Feathered Friend (film "You're a Sweetheart"); Greta Keller; With Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—Star Dust Covered Bundle; Joe Loss and His Orchestra; Vocal—"The Wizard of Oz"—Selection; Steffani and His Silver Songsters; Rumba—Mario La O.; Lecuona Cuban Boys; Vocal—Where Yorkshire and Lancashire Meet (Evans and Others); Kitty Masters assisted by Bert Masters and Two Pianos; Slow Fox-Trot—Love You Much Too Much; Ambrose and His Orchestra; Vocal—"That Sisy Old Gentleman" (film "East side of Heaven"); Bing Crosby with Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Sweet Potato Piper (film "The Road to Singapore"); Glenn Miller and His Orchestra; Savoy Southern Memories; Intro: Uncle Ned; My Old Kentucky Home; Massa's in de cold, cold ground; Who's dat a-calling; Curry Me Back to Old Virginia; Swing Low, Sweet Chariot; Camp Town Races; Deep River; Debroy Somers Band with Male Chorus.
11.07 Close Down.

M. P. Wounded

Mr Bartle Bull, 38-year-old barrister M.P. for Enfield, Middlesex, has been wounded on active service in the Middle East. He married in 1931 Miss Rosemary Baur, who was then described as the richest debutante in Chicago.

Miss F. Fowler Weds Mr W. G. Long

A halo of small ostrich feathers in place of the conventional wreath of orange blossoms was worn by Miss Florence Margaret Fowler over her long circular veil when she became the bride of Mr William Garland Long at St John's Cathedral yesterday.

YOUNGEST daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Fowler, of Hongkong, the bride was given away by her father. She looked charming in a gown of ivory-toned French satin trimmed with silver thread on the bodice and on the long circular train. She carried a bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley, tea roses, and maiden-hair fern.

The Misses Norah Witchell and Allison Fisher, as bridesmaids, wore attractive bouffant frocks of caude-nil taffeta. Their small straw hats were trimmed with ostrich feathers. White carnations and maidenhair fern composed their bouquets.

The bride's mother attended the ceremony in a smart gown of orchid crepe satin. Her hat and accessories were black.

The bridegroom, who is on the staff of the Standard Vacuum Oil Co., Hongkong, is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. N. Long of Mandarling-Porth, Western-Australia. He had Mr Don Davidson, of the Public Works Department, for his best man.

The Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of Hongkong, officiated, and Mr J. R. M. Smith was at the organ.

The reception was held in the Reception Room of the Hongkong Hotel. When the happy couple left for their honeymoon at Repulse Bay prior to going to Shanghai, Mrs Long wore a cornflower-blue woollen dress, with hat and accessories to match. Over the dress she wore a pear grey coat.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary. Issued yesterday, says: Enquiries continue on a fairly broad scale.

Buyers
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 97
H.K. Govt. 3 3/4% Loan (1934) 94
Bank of East Asia 70
Canton Ins. 215
Union Ins. 145
H.K. Fire Ins. 170
Wharves 93.50
Docks "O" 116.40
Hotels 33.10
Humphreys 86.70
Realities X.D. 22.80
Lights "O" 60.20
Electric "O" 41
Macao Electric "O" 17.80
Macao Electric "N" 16.80
Telephones "O" 24
Cemex's 17.20
Watsons 10.05

Sellers
Macao Electric "N" 17.25
Telephones "N" 24.50
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Electric "N" 41
Telephones "O" 24
Telephones "N" 20.10
Watsons 10.05/11

Centenarian Dies

MRS ELIZABETH HAMPSHIRE, who died at Leeds recently, aged 102, did not know there was a war on. Her daughters explained the black-out by telling her the lamp-lighters had gone on strike.

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The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Kunming, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Wuhan (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Java and Manila Mar. 21.
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service"—(complete Mail) by Sea from Singapore Mar. 21.
Canton Mar. 22.
United-Kingdom and Straits Mar. 23.
Calcutta, Straits, and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service"—(Complete Mail) by sea from Singapore Mar. 23.
Swatow Mar. 23.
United-Kingdom and Straits Mar. 24.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 18th March Mar. 25.
Australia and Manila Mar. 25.
Canton Mar. 25.
U.S.A. and Japan (San Francisco date, 7th March) Mar. 25.
Australia, Rabaul and Manila Mar. 27.
Canton Mar. 29.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 7th March) Mar. 29.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 23rd March Mar. 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 1st March) Mar. 30.
Sundakan Apr. 3.
Sundakan Apr. 5.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Friday, March 21.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 21, 4 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 21, 4.30 p.m.
Saturday, March 22
Manila, Messaur and Sourabaya. 8.30 a.m.
Sundakan 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 22, 12.45 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 22, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and United-Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for United-Kingdom)
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K.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 22, Noon.
Reg. Mar. 22, 1.45 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 22, 2.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 22, Noon.
Reg. Mar. 22, 1.45 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta. 3.30 p.m.

Sunday, March 23
Canton 5 p.m.
Monday, March 24
Holchow 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 25, 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 25
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 25, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 25, 5.30 p.m.
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An inaugural meeting of Old Frees was held on Wednesday, at 5.30 p.m., in the University Pavillion, by kind permission of the Hongkong University Athletic Association Council. The following were elected:

Hon. President, Mr Hooi Yip-beng; Hon. Vice-Presidents, Mr Yeap Choong-yew, M.A., and Dr K. T. Loke; Chairman, Mr Tan Luan-long; Hon. Secretary, Mr K. S. Oh; Hon. Treasurer, Mr K. S. Oh; Hon. Auditor, Mr T. C. Pang; Committee Members, Mr K. T. Lin and Mr L. S. Ong. Old Frees in Hongkong are requested to get in touch with Mr K. S. Oh, Elliot Hall.

Thomas Hardy's Home For Nation

Thomas Hardy's home, Max Gate, has been presented to the nation.

This was revealed by the publication of the will of his sister, Miss Katherine Hardy, who died a few months ago leaving £74,165. She has bequeathed the freehold house and garden to the National Trust. Among other bequests is £3,000 to Dorchester Grammar School for a permanent scholarship to Oxford University, to be called the Thomas Hardy Scholarship.

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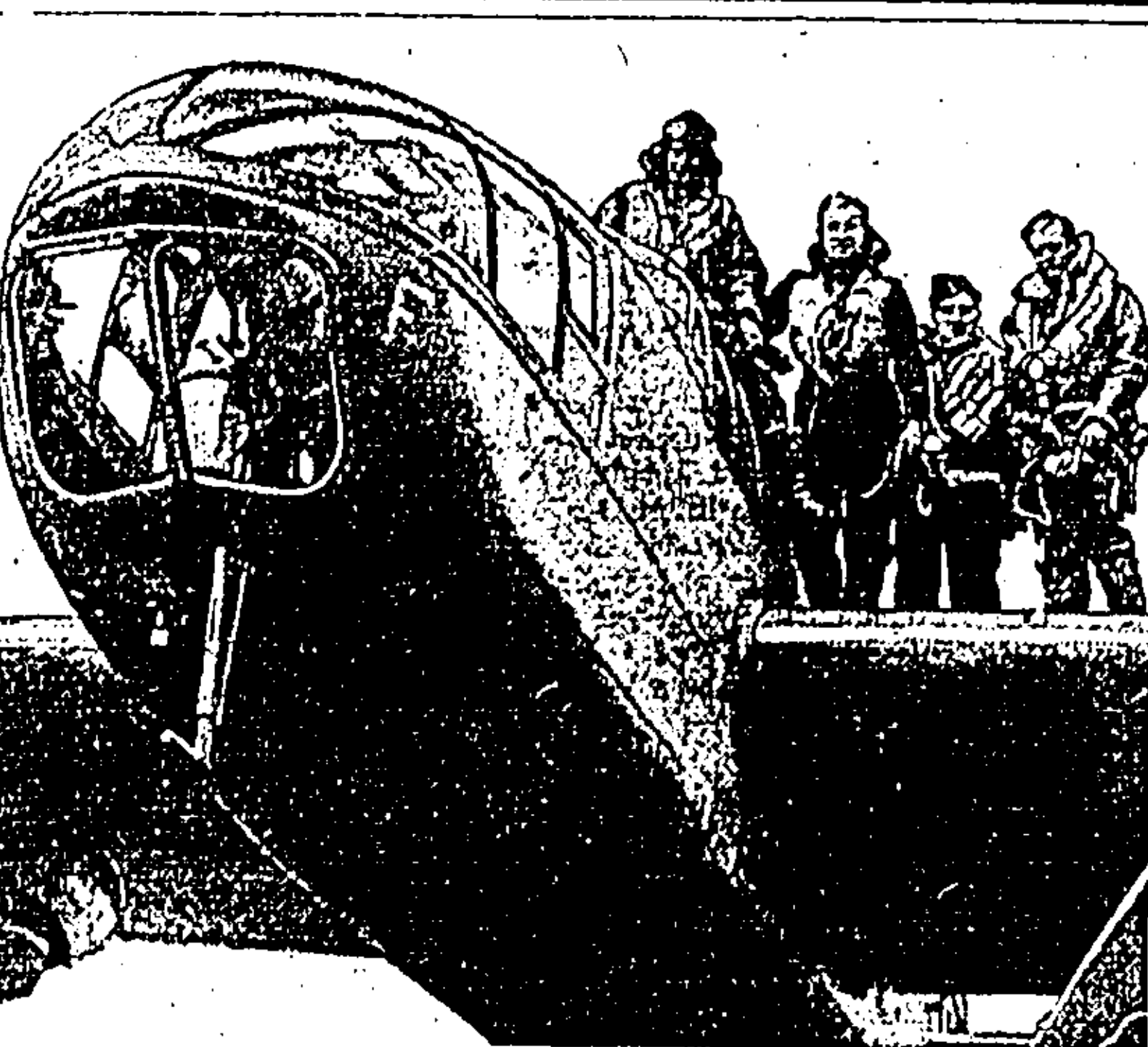
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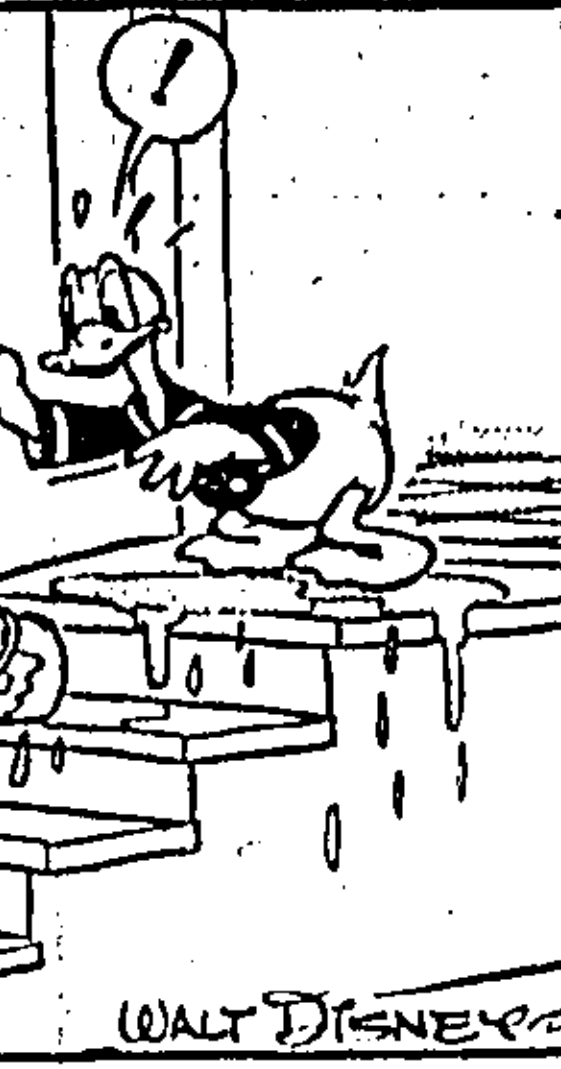
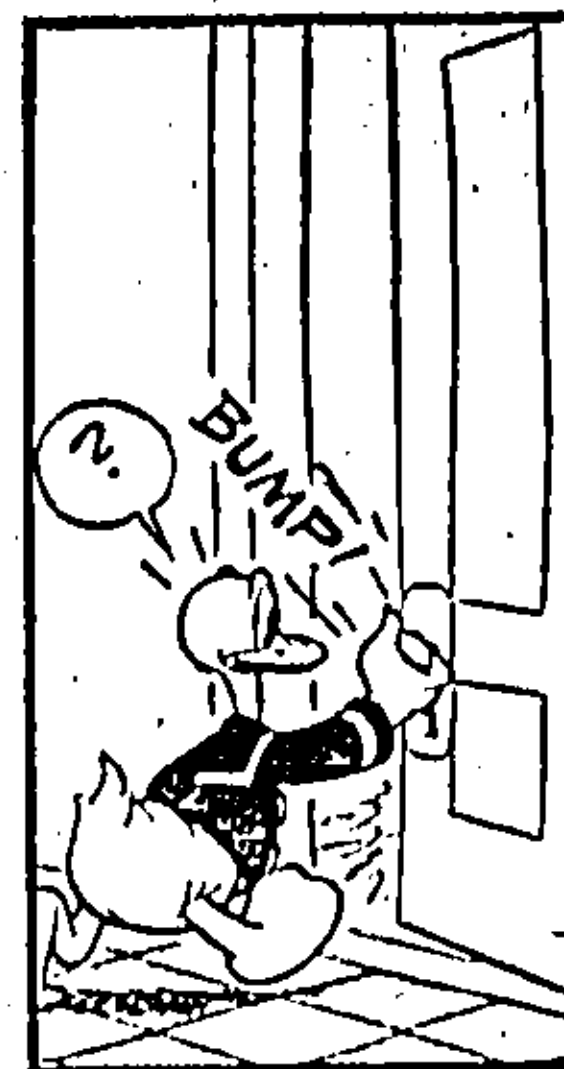
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- Without speech
- Musical scale
- Young cow
- Onion of shrubs
- Winged
- Refractive stroke
- Island
- Turkistan tribe
- Doctrine
- French river
- Indian hunting
- Religion
- Hammered
- Female sheep
- Infro
- Those who frighten
- Clutched
- In this manner
- Barbaric
- Word mentioned in Bible
- Pile
- Piece of tree
- Latin
- Whitish orifice
- Alarmed
- Bird's home
- Share-cent farmer
- Perkins of ten years
- Cut off
- Lunch club
- Advanced college course
- Allowance of food
- Perfuming to ear
- Working stick
- Death notice

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- 1—Circular plate
- 2—Western state
- 3—Rare
- 4—Injured by beating
- 5—Collared
- 6—Beverages
- 7—Human
- 8—Western Indians
- 9—Ties to stake
- 10—Least hot
- 11—Indian
- 12—Offense against society power
- 13—Mau's nickname
- 14—Reverential fear
- 15—Period of time
- 16—Play on banjo
- 17—Duty
- 18—Examine accounts
- 19—Permaning to sin
- 20—Drawn
- 21—Removed skin
- 22—Irregularly toothed
- 23—Depression
- 24—Heavy mist
- 25—Lair
- 26—Stepped again
- 27—Lovers
- 28—Country
- 29—That there
- 30—Feline
- 31—Earth
- 32—Sulphur volcano
- 33—Aspect
- 34—Unusual
- 35—Advice
- 36—Wind instrument
- 37—Number
- 38—Part of plant
- 39—Prefix: not

The film, based on the best-selling novel by Daphne du Maurier, has been adjudged the best picture of 1940 by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

Rebecca

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Synopsis: In the south of France, where I was travelling as companion to Mrs Van Hopper, I met Max de Winter. My own pale shyness was in contrast to his bitter, brooding silence. Mrs Van Hopper told me he was the owner of a famous estate, Manderley, which he had not occupied since the accidental death of his wife, Rebecca. Mrs Van Hopper took ill and was confined to her bed, and I found myself spending many hours with Max; before long I was deeply in love. When Mrs Van Hopper suddenly decided to leave, Max asked me to marry him, and took me to Manderley as his bride.

Chapter Two

I remember quite clearly the wave of annoyance which swept across Maxim's face when we entered the great hall of Manderley. The butler, Frith, had hurried down the front steps to meet us, and we had followed him, and on the huge first room of the house, where we were confronted with some twenty servants of the household, assembled to meet us. I was wet, and painfully conscious of my appearance before them all. I heard Maxim say, to Frith: "I didn't expect the whole staff to be in attendance," and Frith's quiet reply, "Mrs Danvers' orders, sir."

While I stood there, not knowing at all what to say, my eyes wandered beyond the immense hall, to its minstrel gallery and broad, sweeping staircase, back to the sea of faces, open-mouthed and curious. Almost as though from nowhere, someone advanced out from the sea of faces, someone tall and gaunt, a figure with a deeply hollowed, brilliant-eyed face, a woman whose cold composure left me limp in embarrassed shyness. "This is Mrs Danvers," Maxim said, and I took her chill, damp hand.

The voice seemed almost a sneer. "How do you do, Madam," she said. "I have everything in readiness for you."

I stammered a reply, and in my nervousness dropped a glove. She stepped forward and picked it up. There was more than a trace of scorn in her eyes and smile as she handed it back to me. I could not bear to return her look.

During the first days Maxim was quite busy with the affairs of Manderley, which were regularly managed by a shy and pleasant man named Frank Crawley. This gave me an opportunity to wander through the great house, which I would have liked to do alone. Always, however, Mrs. Danvers would quietly appear; suddenly she would be there, behind me, inescapably performing her duty of acquainting me with the details of Manderley. She was careful to point out that the rooms we were occupying in the East Wing had never been used before, except for visitors.

"The room I was telling you about," she said, "is across the hall. It's not used now. It's the most beautiful room in the house—the only one that looks down across the lawns to the sea. It was Mrs de Winter's room." There was always Mrs Danvers, and the rolling sea in which she had died, to bring Rebecca de Winter back to me. I first saw her long, beautifully sloping handwriting on the flyleaf of a book of poems in Maxim's

room at Monte Carlo. I saw it at Manderley, on the exquisitely monogrammed glassware, and on the napery. In the beautiful morning room, which Frith showed me, I found her everywhere; it was a woman's room, furnished with lovely taste, overflowing azaleas and rhododendrons, warmed by a blazing fire. On the writing table, her desk set and guest and menu books still reposed—initialled "R." As I sat at the desk, the telephone rang.

I must have been in terror of being discovered, for the alarming sound left me almost senseless with fright. I lifted the receiver, and the voice said: "Mrs de Winter?"

"Mrs de Winter?" I repeated. "I'm afraid you've made a mistake. Mrs de Win-



Judith Anderson, as Mrs Danvers, and Joan Fontaine, as Mrs de Winter.

ter has been dead for for more than a year."

It was not until I had replaced the receiver that I became aware of my irretrievable blunder. The colour flew to my cheeks with shame of the utter idiocy of what I had done. I heard a slight sound behind me, and wheeled about. It was Mrs Danvers, standing silently behind the chair, her eyes expressionless.

"I'm sorry, Mrs Danvers," I stammered. "I didn't realise the call was for me."

"That is the house telephone, Madam," she said coldly. "It was probably the head gardener wishing instructions."

Maxim's sister, Beatrice, and her husband, Giles Lacy, were not long in inviting themselves (through Maxim) to lunch. They were anxious, of course, to see what manner of girl Maxim had married, and I suppose I somewhat dreaded this first contact with them. They were more of Manderley than I. And they had known Rebecca.

When they came, Maxim was at the farm, and I met them in the library, alone. Major Lacy's round, blank face clearly showed his sur-

prise, but Beatrice simply scrutinised. They had both obviously expected someone quite different. They asked me how I liked Manderley, and Beatrice, how I was getting along with Mrs Danvers. I stammered an answer, which Beatrice understood. "There's no need to be frightened of her," she said. "But I shouldn't have any more to do with her than you can help. She's bound to be insanely jealous at first and she must resent you bitterly."

"But why should she?" I replied, quite astonished.

"Don't you know? I should have thought Maxim would have told you. She simply adored Rebecca!"

During lunch, much of the conversation seemed to deal with the things I did not do, such as golf, and hunting, and riding, until Giles, in a thoughtless moment, said: "You don't—uh—you don't sail, do you?" and when I replied, no, I did not, came back with a loud "Thank God for that!" Every one immediately became silent with consternation, and Maxim stared grimly ahead. I knew that Rebecca was uppermost in their thoughts.

When they had left, Maxim suggested that we go for a walk, to which I happily agreed. Rebecca's dog, Jasper, tagged after Maxim as we walked towards the sea, and as we came to a fork in the

paths leading down to the beach the dog unhesitatingly took the one to the right. Maxim suddenly called: "Jasper! Not that way! Come here!" The dog scampered down the steps to the sea, not heeding Maxim's command.

"Where does that lead to?" I asked him.

"To a small cove where we used to keep a boat," he replied, almost curtly. He seemed irritated when I suggested that we go down. "It's quite dull and uninteresting," he said, "just like any other stretch of sand." He must have sensed my disappointment, for he changed his mind, and led me down. We had no sooner reached the beach than Jasper ran off to a bend in the shore, and behind a rock jetty, barking furiously. I vaguely heard Maxim shouting after me as I ran after the dog. I clambered over the rocks, and saw it all—the little cove, the cottage, the mooring buoy offshore. There was a piece of string to tether Jasper in the cottage, which I found to be completely furnished, but dusty and chill and blue-spotted with the damp. It was from here that Rebecca had sailed.

(To be continued to-morrow).



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FRANCE & THE BLOCKADE

ADMIRAL Darlan's demand that French ships should be allowed free passage through the blockade brings the European food situation once again into prominence. Mr Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, predicted some months ago, in fact before the winter set in, that starvation faced these countries now under German control, and urged the world to take cognisance of the fact that food supplies should be allowed to enter those areas. He apparently felt it to be hopeless to ask Germany to release some of the wheat she has stolen from France and so has turned his attention to Britain and the blockade. He is even reported to have stated that America should, in return for her aid to Britain, insist on the blockade being lifted in so far as food is concerned. Fortunately, President Roosevelt has been able to size up the situation sufficiently well to urge caution on the part of would-be philanthropists.

It is highly probable that the blockade has weighed heavily on the French habit of eating, but there is a wide difference between what most of the European people are now able to obtain and starvation. Admiral Darlan himself, though inferring that the French people are nearing starvation because of the blockade, declared it to be "ineffective." It is the case then Britain should not be held responsible for any lack but Germany, and the Vichy authorities should turn to Berlin for redress rather than accuse Britain's "ineffective" live weapon of being the cause of their sufferings. Vichy is clearly following the line laid down by Berlin for, as Mr Joseph C. Harsch, correspondent for the "Christian Science Monitor" in Berlin, stated in a recent article, "German authorities have the effrontery to declare that the British blockade is to blame for the 'contrary size' most qualified neutral observers, with few exceptions, believe that Germany has within its power to prevent famine anywhere within the occupied areas for at least another year and possibly another two years or even more."

Under the terms of the armistice, Germany has arrogated to herself the right to requisition all she requires or wants from France. Berlin has taken full advantage of this agreement for not only in occupied France where four-fifths of France's wheat is grown, but in the unoccupied areas she appears to be able to seize what she desires. It has become known that German agents, stationed at Marseilles, commandeer the supplies which arrive regularly from North Africa—where, incidentally the German infiltration is already commensurate with the earlier infiltration into Rumania and Bulgaria, thus threatening the independence of France's colonial Empire.

It is highly significant that France has been made the focus in the food problem, especially as the need in Belgium and other occupied countries is admittedly greater than in France, and has been so for many months. The cloven hoof in pushing Vichy forward as the suppliant is clear. Germany is not in the slightest degree interested in the question of food from a humanitarian point of view but is highly interested in the possibilities of the situation. By urging Admiral Darlan to make his appeal, attention is automatically drawn away from Germany towards British "effrontery" in withholding food supplies. Propaganda along this line can have the double advantage of swinging popular feeling in France against Britain and of paving the way

What is Happiness Worth?

Extract (right) from a newspaper report is the basis of this article in which a famous K.C. discusses the problems raised.

The Lord Chancellor stated during the appeal: "The thing to be valued is not the prospect of length of days, but the prospect of a predominantly happy life."

He added that the degree of happiness to be obtained by a human being did not depend on wealth or status.

The appeal was allowed and the order of Mr Justice Asquith varied by reducing an award of £1,200 to £200.

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THE question is certainly unusual, and even a trifle disconcerting. It has a touch of the unanswerable about it, yet somehow stays for an answer. Quite recently it has been fully considered in the House of Lords, and an answer given by the highest tribunal in the land. Because of the nature of the question and the issues raised by the answer, the decision has excited an interest rarely shown in legal matters, and extending far beyond legal circles.

The reason is not far to seek. Many legal questions seem academic and remote to ordinary people (though in truth they are not), but this question appeals to them in the most vivid and personal way. Indeed, quite ordinary people who would be afraid to discuss a legal question, feel that they could make some contribution to the answer to this question out of their human experience.

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THE philosopher, the moralist, the essayist, the brooder over human affairs—all alike feel that in this matter they have something to say. It is somewhat reminiscent of the old imperious question—"Is Life worth living?"; and that song of

other days creeps into the mind—

"Is Life a Boon?
If so, it must befall
That Death, whenever he call
Must call too soon."

But the immediate interest of the question is that on December 16 it was raised in the House of Lords as a legal question which required to be answered: and the answer then given is binding on all other courts.

The circumstances in which the question arose can be shortly stated. On June 1, 1938, the driver of a motor-car was attempting to pass another car on the road, when he caused the other car to overturn. A small boy, aged 2½ years, who was a passenger in the other car, was so seriously injured that he died the same day. The father of the

By Norman Birkett, K.C.

small boy, as the administrator of the estate of his son, brought an action against the driver of the car which had caused the accident, claiming damages for his son's loss of expectation of life.

When the case was heard before one of His Majesty's judges at Winchester Assizes the only question left for decision was the amount of damages. The very great difficulty of assessing the amount in such cases had long been recognised, and after hearing argument, the learned judge awarded £1,200.

This award was reviewed in the Court of Appeal, but was not disturbed, and in due course the question came to the House of Lords. After full and elaborate argument the House of Lords decided that the proper figure for this particular case was £200.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

IT'S AN ARMY WAY WE HAVE

HE was a lean, narrow man with a face which might have been pressed between two boards; and his name was Pynn.

He had been a fireman before the Army claimed him. Now, the firefighters wanted him back; and there he was, between two fires as it were; not at all sure that he wanted to go.

"I," he said, "am going back to Civvy Street pretty soon now." He sighed very deeply.

"You don't sound pleased about it."

"I don't know whether I'm pleased or sorry," said Pynn. "That's how it is. When I was in Civvy Street I longed for the Army. Then, when I came here I longed for Civvy Street."

Meat And Drink

"It's like that, this Army. Soldiers are like fishermen . . . they curse their business, and bless it, all in the same breath. I know. I'm the Company Clerk."

"I've heard soldiers talking—men, N.C.O.s, every kind of soldier—and to hear them you'd think they were on the verge of mutiny all the time."

"Fed up with the sight of khaki!" . . . "Browned off with ruddy Bren guns?" . . . "Living only for the moment when I can go home!" . . . "The minute the war's over they won't see my pants for dust!" . . . all that sort of thing.

"It's an old Army habit, all this grumbling and grouching. A good grouse is meat and drink to an old soldier."

"And yet, when they finally do get back to everyday life, they're as miserable as sin, these same grumblers. They get on everybody's nerves with cracking up the good old life in camp."

An Acquired Taste

"The army is one of those acquired tastes, like smoking. It makes you sick at first. Then you feel you can't get on without it."

"I remember when I first joined, and began to get my first chasings on the square—well, I felt I wanted to die."

"And then, when I'd finished my first eight or nine weeks, and passed out and got ready to come to the Battalion, I noticed a strange thing."

"I was half sorry to leave the barracks!"

"If, by any chance, I'd been kept back there, I'd have been going about with a face as long as a fiddle. Yet I was browned off—which means I was Up—at the thought of going."

"And here I am, due to go for good, and actually feeling pretty sick about it!"

Epilogue

At this point, a corporal put his head in at the door and said:—

"What kind of a lousy place is this, where a man can't get a bit of four-by-two without signing a ruddy contract and doing a whole song and dance about it?"

"Am I expected to go on my bent-ruddy knees for a rotten little bit of regulation flannel?"

"All right, I'm through. I'm browned off. For all I care, there can be ruddy spiders in my rifle."

"What did I tell you?" said Pynn, sighing again.

WHICH would be the more precious, if the choice had to be made—the prospect of a long life or the prospect of a happy one? This was the question seven Law Lords had to answer yesterday when considering an appeal from an award made in respect of a boy killed in a car accident.

"I am of opinion," said Lord Simon, the Lord Chancellor, "that the right son of account, 'the pains and sorrows as well as the joys and pleasures,' and a just-accounting made."

What a fascinating and moving world of inquiry is there opened! For where does true happiness reside, and on what does it depend? Are there degrees of happiness, or is there a distinction in quality? Did the great man among the heights and pinnacles really sigh for our rude huts before he died? Or did he find his true life among books, journeying with the brave and wise spirits of all ages, and tasting a world of infinite happiness in that great company?

Did he find life sweet because of day and night, sun, moon and stars, and "likewise there's a wind on the heath"? Or was he just the happy-go-lucky adventurer, not reflecting too deeply, content with the smaller experiences, and not tempting the deeper raptures? So the questions crowd upon one another, and in the background the scarcely formulated question whether or not all happiness hangs by a thread!

It becomes increasingly plain that precise and accurate measurement of happiness is beyond attainment: indeed, it may be said that to try and assess a measure of happiness in terms of money is to attempt the impossible. For some will say that the thing called happiness depends upon a thousand factors, and some will say, paradoxically enough, that in the last analysis it depends upon one only.

But henceforward, the Courts of Law must attempt the just appraisal of this loss of happiness in terms of money. When considering the amount to be awarded in the case of the young child, will it be possible to speculate upon the kind of world into which the child would have grown up?

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WOULD it have been a world made secure against the intrusion of war, or would a measure of happiness still be liable to vanish in a night? Would it have been that world, for which so many have lived and died, where inequalities and injustices no longer have power to prevent the happy life, and where the evil things have passed away?

In short, would it have been a world where the plant of happiness could reasonably expect to grow and flourish?

And, upon reflection, it may very well be that the greatest service which the House of Lords has rendered in considering this question is not in the legal sphere only. Even in time of war the minds of men have been drawn to consider the ultimate things which concern the happiness of men, women and children, and indeed the happiness of all mankind.

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BUT the House of Lords in this great matter is on the side of the philosophers, the thinkers and the poets. Dekker would have respectfully concurred, for some three hundred and fifty years ago, he recorded his view

"Art thou poor, yet hast thou golden slumbers?
O Sweet Content!
Art thou rich, yet is thy mind perplexed?
O Punishment!"

and Sir Henry Wotton would be gratified to find his noble lines on "The character of a Happy Life" so completely endorsed.

It is further to be observed that in estimating the measure of prospective happiness of the individual life, the heights and the depths are to be taken into

Australia Can Supply Eastern Air Needs

COMPETENT critics deny that the Beaufort bomber will be a museum piece before it is in full production in Australia. On the contrary, they assert that it is still being produced in Britain, and if the war lasted another four or five years it would still be a useful service machine.

Aviation experts are naturally reluctant to express criticism of Australia's choice of the Beaufort for local production. They say that the whole range of various types of aircraft was considered, and that it is like being wise after the event to say now that the Beaufort might not have been selected if anyone was aware that the war would break out in 1939.

Moreover, it is stated, Australia can give valuable help by supplying Air Force needs in the Middle East or other nearer theatres of war.

The trade, Journal, Aeroplane, says that within a year production of all types of aircraft in Australia should be more than 100 machines a month. Production of Wirraways exceeds the guaranteed 150 a year, and production of training types exceeds two daily.

First in April

The first Australian-built Beaufort should be in the air by next month or April, and it is also expected that an Australian-designed wooden bomber will be flying by the end of 1941.

Experts cannot confirm these figures, and point out that it is for the Australian Government to make any wartime disclosures about types or output.

They believe that production of an all-metal improvement on the Beaufort would not involve insuperable factory changes.

Chinese Check Advance Along Kiangsi Front

CHUNGKING, Mar. 21 (Central News).—Fighting in northern Kiangsi continues unabated, but the Japanese advance is being steadily checked.

As the result of a vigorous Chinese counter-attack launched on March 18, the main Japanese force attacking Kaoan has been dispersed.

Besides recovering Chengchienkai, a strategic point north of Kaoan, the Chinese also inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese who are now retreating towards Wuchiao.

The Japanese detachment which pushed towards Hwefu west of Kaoan on the morning of March 19 has been intercepted by the Chinese and is being engaged in severe fighting.

Japanese operating on the southern bank of the Chin River have been increased to more than 3,000 and are continuing their attacks on Tuchen, important city on the northern bank of the Kan River, west of Fengcheng. Heavy fighting has been proceeding in the vicinity of the city since the night of March 19 but the Chinese are valiantly holding out against the Japanese assaults.

Aerial Reconnaissance

KIAN, Mar. 21 (Central News).—Four Japanese planes yesterday morning raided Yingtan, 90 miles south-east of Nanchang. Several bombs were dropped demolishing one house, but no other damage was caused.

Two other Japanese planes reconnoitred over Kaoan but dropped no bombs.

Example of Nazi-American Tension

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—A clear indication of the present state of German-American relations is considered here to be given by the fact, learned today, that the German Embassy in Washington recently sent a circular to all consuls and other officials throughout the country asking for information that would be needed in the event of severance of diplomatic relations with the United States.

It is believed that the circular emphasised that there was no present intention of breaking off relations, but the information was required so that shipping space and other formalities could be arranged should the break occur.

DRIFTER BRINGS BOMBER DOWN

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The Admiralty records that a German dive-bomber was destroyed this afternoon by the drifter Young Mun (Skipper G. B. Buchan, R.N.R.) and the yacht Chico (Lieutenant J. Mason, R.N.V.R.).

The German bomber made a dive attack on the ships. The gunner of the Young Mun continued to fire his Lewis gun into the enemy until the dive-bomber was within 50 feet.

The dive-bomber was hit and, out of control, was unable to check its dive. It carried away the mizzen mast of the Young Mun and disintegrated alongside the ship.

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie to-day denied that he plans to visit China in the near future.

N. CHINA CIVIL SECURITY Troop Withdrawals

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PEKING, Mar. 20 (Dome).—Marking the first anniversary of its inauguration, the North China Political Affairs Commission on March 30 is launching a North China Public Security Movement under a general mobilisation of local political and military agents.

Mr Wang I-tang, Chairman of the Commission, announced that the programme for securing public peace and order will last for a month. The proclamation urges one hundred million people of North China to secure peace and order on their own resources without relying upon the friendly Japanese forces.

The movement is aimed at enlarging and strengthening the vigilance organisation of rural communities, reinforcing popular organisations and eradicating subversive elements to public peace.

Refuse Dump Explodes

At Dynamite Factory

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—An explosion to-day at the dynamite factory at Kenvil, New Jersey, of the Hercules Powder Factory rocked the country for miles around.

Despite the violence of the explosion, which occurred in the refuse dump, nobody was injured and no damage was done.

About 50 people were killed and 200 injured by a series of explosions that wrecked part of this factory on September 12 last.

U.S. Aviation Spirit For Japan

Question For Commons

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Central News).—Mr. Garro Jones, Labour M.P., is addressing an inquiry to the Minister of Economic Warfare as to whether he is aware that Japan in August 1940 imported American petrol several times more in quantity than she did in the same month in 1939, and that extraction of aviation spirits from the import tended to defeat the American ban on the export of octane fuel to Japan.

Mr Jones asks whether the Minister of Economic Warfare has taken action or made representations to Washington on the matter.

Churchill Chuckles Soothe MP's

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—In typically Churchillian manner, the Prime Minister to-day personally intervened to settle a dispute of a constitutional character which was recently conducted with asperity, especially by the political purists of the Left Wing.

The sore point was the action of the B.B.C. in banning a number of artists who attended a recent conference styled, "People's Convention," attended by a large number of Communists.

The ground for the action was that the public would resent the inclusion of artists who attended the gathering at which it was alleged that some subversive speeches were made.

Ban Removed

As a result of the outcry, Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, the Minister of Information, recently induced the B.B.C. to modify the ban and to-day, Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons, announced that the ban was removed.

Among a long reply to questions were the following:

The connection between musical and dramatic performances and political acts and opinions is not apparent.

Anything in the nature of persecution, victimisation and man-hunting is obnoxious to the British people.

With a twinkle in his eye, the Premier said: "We should have to retain a certain amount of power of protection of music. A very spirited rendering of 'Deutschland Über Alles' would hardly be allowed (Laughter)."

On the other hand, I see no reason to suppose that the holding of pacific views would make a musician play flat." (Laughter).

General Gough Is Col., Home Guard

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—A full general becomes a Home Guard colonel in the first list of appointments of that body issued by the War Office.

He is General Sir Hubert Gough, who becomes a zone commander, a position from which he resigned last year because he is above the age limit—he is 71.

Assam Warned To Be On Guard

SHILLONG, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The need of being prepared for any contingency was emphasised by the Governor of Assam, who warned the people that air attacks may come without warning.

The Governor added that flying from the nearest aerodrome occupied by the Japanese to Shillong was only a few hundred miles.

Whether the danger was imminent or not he could not say but they should be prepared.

Budget

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill told the House of Commons to-day that the budget will be introduced in the House before Easter.

Expert Says Invasion Is A Bluff To Tie Up Army

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—In the opinion of Colonel Kleen writing for a Swedish newspaper, the Axis must win a decisive victory this year or the Allies will become too strong for her. To win Germany must attempt an invasion or rely on blockade.

An invasion necessitates control of the immediate waters, security against the enemy air force and the breaking down of shore defences.

Since none of these conditions exists the invasion will probably remain a threat binding the British forces to the British Isles.

It remains for Germany to win by blockade. She has better submarine bases near the Atlantic and anti-submarine weapons are also improved. America has already transferred 50 destroyers to Britain and she still has 211 against Japan's 83, leaving 100 more U.S. destroyers which can be transferred to the Atlantic to operate against German submarines either by direct intervention or by transfer to Britain.

In addition, mosquito boats can be produced in large numbers and there is a considerable amount of shipping frozen in American waters which can be transferred to Britain.

Finally, British bombers operating against submarines in their bases and at sea are causing severe losses. The technical possibilities exist for fighting submarines if they can be brought into use quickly enough.

U. S. ALIENS IN BRITAIN

Treatment

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Cheers greeted the ministerial announcement in the House of Commons to-day that the utmost liberal policy would henceforth be followed in granting exemption from alien restrictions to United States citizens.

The Home Secretary (Mr. Herbert Morrison) said that it would not do to assume that every American citizen can be treated as if he were a British subject, but will administer the regulations sympathetically in the case of Americans unless there is reason to the contrary.

Food Parcels For Germans Sent From Thailand

BANGKOK, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Many Germans are receiving small parcels of tea, coffee, sugar and soap from friends or relatives in Thailand and the fact that these parcels have to go via Japan, Siberia and Russia is regarded as an indication of the shortage of these commodities in Germany.

The parcels are apparently described as "samples" and there is no limit to the number which can be addressed to any single recipient provided that the weight of each does not exceed one kilogramme.

Whiskey For Japan

Whiskey is the largest single item among the foodstuffs and beverages sent by the Japanese in Thailand as "gifts" to friends or relations at home. These gifts go by post, ship and aeroplane, and good whiskey is now so scarce in Japan, it is stated, that it is considered well worth paying the costs involved as well as the heavy import duties the recipients in Japan must pay.

All-Out Aid For China

Pertinent Question

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Mr. Robert Morgan in the House of Commons to-day asked whether the Government associates itself with President Roosevelt's declaration in favour of all-out aid for China as far as we can render it at present.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Government noted with sympathy and interest President Roosevelt's statement regarding China. It was the Government's policy to maintain the closest contact with the United States Government.

GERMANY AND TURKEY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 20 (UP).—It is understood that a further exchange of views between Germany and Turkey is likely to follow Premier Inonu's message to Hitler.

Usually well-informed foreign diplomatic quarters understand that Yugo-Slavin Statesmen are coming to Berlin within the next two or three days to conclude a pact with Germany. German quarters, on the other hand, continue to be reticent regarding the negotiations.

Sarajoglu Returns To Turkey

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Mar. 20 (UP).—The Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu returned to Ankara from Cyprus by aeroplane at noon to-day, accompanied by M. Hugessen, a member of the Turkish Foreign Office.

MADRAS, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—News has been received that the first batch of "Bevin boys" has reached England for training in factories. A second batch is almost ready to proceed.

DUTCH ARMS GROWING

In Three Services

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—A large number of pilots are being trained in the Netherlands Indies for duties in Europe, states Colonel Dijkshoorn, Defence Minister, in an interview in "De Nieuwspaper" published in London.

He also states that a number of Dutch pilots are now being trained in the R.A.F. for fighter machines and that Holland hopes to have her own fighter squadrons in the R.A.F.

British instructors, he adds, have been greatly impressed by Dutch aviators.

The Dutch army is growing in strength and equipment and new and extremely important material for the Navy is being put into service.

FIRE WATCHERS

Save Britain Millions

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Thousands of lives and millions of pounds worth of national assets vital to the war effort have been saved by the Firewatchers' Scheme, states Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, in a foreword to a new memorandum on the fire prevention order issued by the Ministry of Home Security.

The new memorandum was issued following consultations with the British Employers' Federation and the T.U.C. which are stated to have cleared up a certain misunderstanding which interfered with the effectiveness of the order.

Dutch Lose A Freighter

BATAVIA, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The Navy Department of the Netherlands East Indies reported to-night that the Dutch freighter, Simaloe, of 6,500 tons, must be considered lost after an air attack in the Atlantic at the beginning of March.

It is believed that of the crew of 71 only two are missing; they are Chinese firemen.

Communal Clashes In India

DACCA, India, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The latest casualties in the communal disturbances which took place recently are 10 killed and 93 wounded.

The police had to fire a second time last night and killed four and wounded two.

There have been several cases of incendiarism, including four boats on the river.

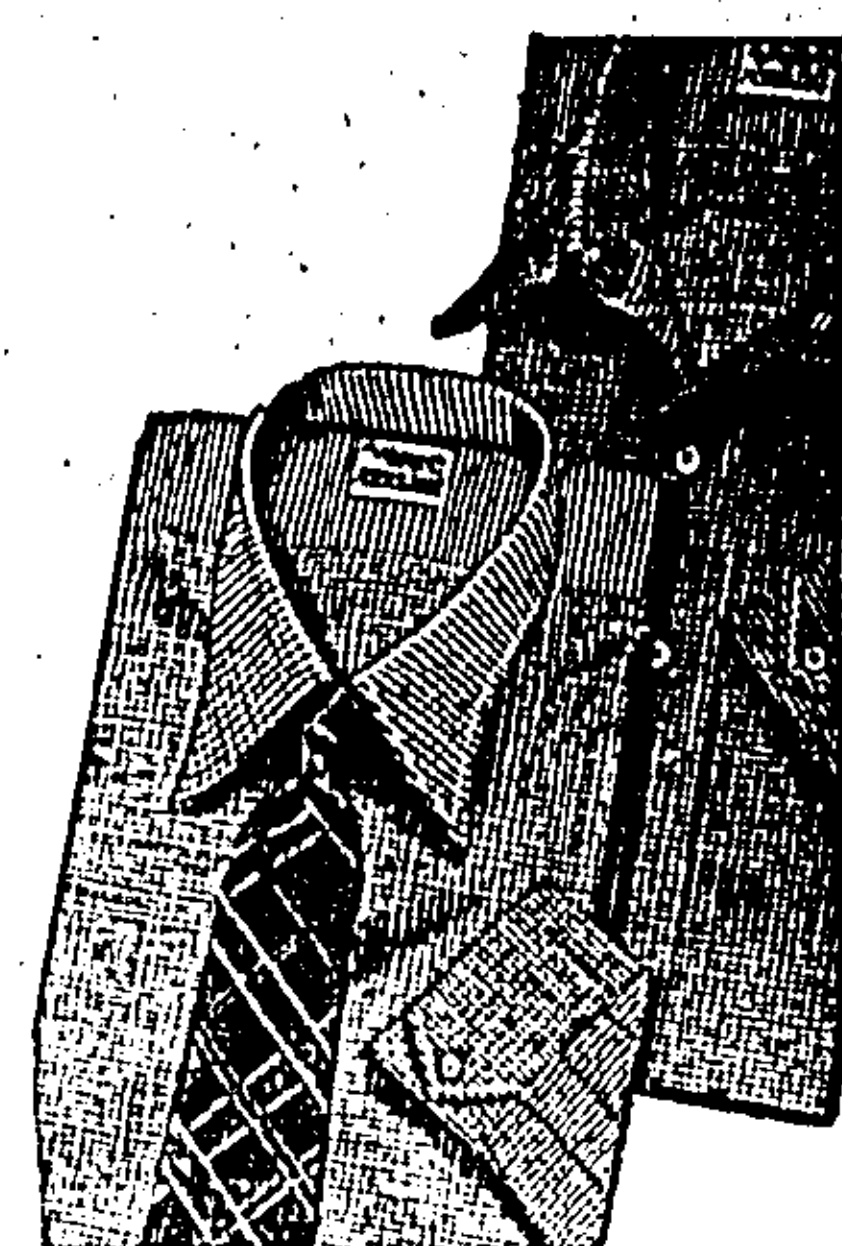
Rugby Fifteen

The following will represent Leam. Carter's XV against A. N. Other's XV in a friendly Rugby game on the Causeway Bay ground to-morrow at 4.30 p.m.

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Nazi Standards For Manchukuo

TOKYO, Mar. 20 (Dome).—Mr. Shiraji Yoshino, first economic adviser to the Manchukuo Government, is leaving for Europe early in April on an inspection tour. He will take stock of public utility economy in Germany.



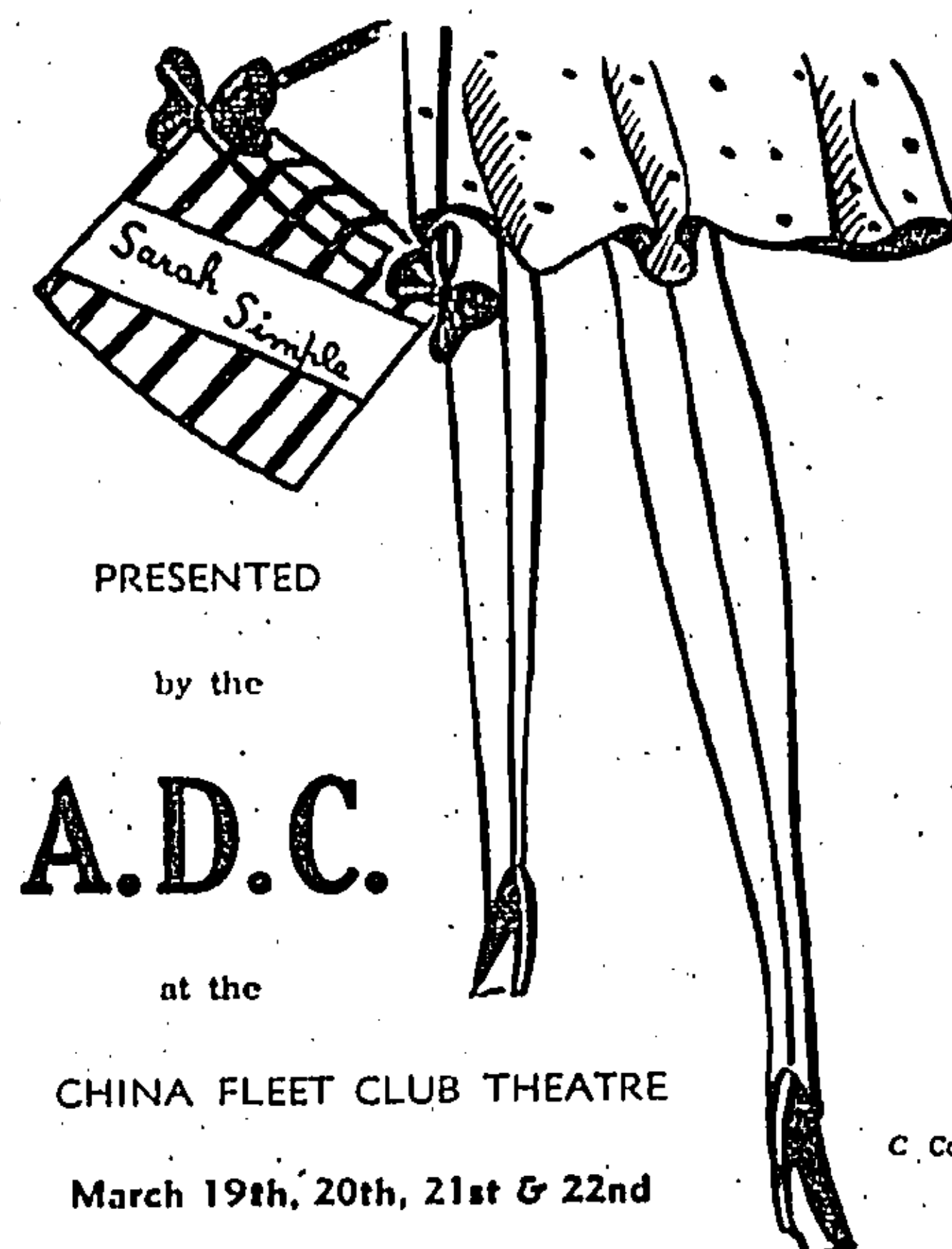
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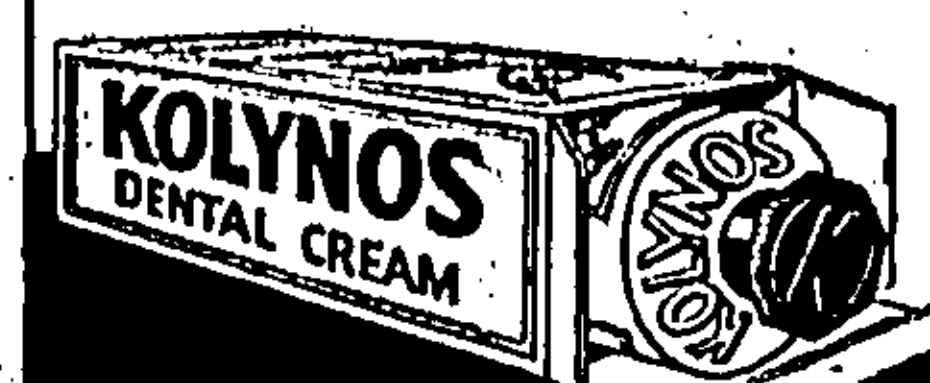
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Fanling's Final Steeple-chase Meeting

First Extra Meeting At Happy Valley

So Nice Shows Improvement

THERE IS A SAGE PARADOX that means are trumps when Saturday breaks wet, but where did the men of the turf go last Saturday when the First Extra Race Meeting was postponed. Let us all hope that there will be no further postponement, for judging from the atmospheric conditions it looks that we shall see blue skies to-morrow.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting,
Saturday, 23rd March, 1941.

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 p.m. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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Grand Nationals For Australian And China Ponies: Extra Train Accommodation For Punters

CAPT. FOSTER sees with delight the increase of stake money for the lower positions in the two main events, namely the Fanling Grand National confined to China ponies, and the Australian Grand National for Australian ponies.

The above two races are the major steeplechasing contests of the last meet under the auspices of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to be held at Kwanti on Sunday, and there are in addition four handicap flat events.

For the convenience of racing public, there will be the usual express train leaving Kowloon at 1.08 p.m. and returning from Fanling at 6.41 p.m. The first class return fare of \$2 includes admission to the racecourse.

I remember writing in these columns as to the inadequate supply of carriages provided on the return trip from Fanling at the opening meet on Boxing Day, and I was more than glad that the hint was duly noted. On behalf of racegoers I must tender our thanks to the Kowloon Canton Railway for the "extra express train" at the February meeting, and there was certainly plenty room to stretch one's tired legs on the return trip.

I was also glad that the starting of races at Kwanti showed something better than in the past and the "white flag" came into use for the first time at the February meeting.

Rules of Starting

It may be of interest to know what is the use of a white flag. I will, however, cite the two important rules:

(1) The Starter shall give all orders necessary for securing a fair start. The horses must be started, as far as possible, in a line, but they may be started at such reasonable distance behind the starting post as the Starter thinks necessary. After the Starter has called over the names of the runners, and has assigned the horses the places drawn by lot, he shall give orders for a white flag to be raised.

(2) Should the Starter consider that through any cause arising prior to the raising of the white flag, any horse is unable to start, he shall at once notify the Clerk of the Scales that the horse has not come under his orders.

The latter means that a horse has been withdrawn and your \$5 is refunded.

Attention of owners is drawn to the fact that starters for the first race must be declared on the forms provided in the weighing room before two o'clock, and for all subsequent races 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

Jockeys must provide their own whips, which must be of a type approved by the Hongkong Jockey Club. The Fanling Club will provide spurs, which also meet the Hongkong Jockey Club's requirements.

I would like to mention that at the last meeting a pony was refused permission to weigh out owing to late declaration. A jockey's attention was drawn to the use of a wrong type of whip with the result that he went to the post without a cane.

Dublin H'cap.

Poor Entries

Palmer and Lancashire Chap Most Dangerous

Selections For Sunday

MY SELECTIONS for the first five events are:

SHAMROCK HANDICAP
A Good Time
Dick Turpin
Schmetterling
DUBLIN HANDICAP
National Success
Lancashire Chap
Palmer
FANLING GRAND NATIONAL
Viber
March Brown
Jack O'Lantern
HUNTERS' CUP
Royal Wedding Eve
King's Worthy
Royal Highness
AUSTRALIAN GRAND NATIONAL
Brutus
Sea Urelin
Glorious Star

THE DUBLIN HANDICAP was originally intended to be divided into two sections for "E" class China ponies, but this had to be cancelled in view of the poor entries. There are 13 entries, and in order not to disappoint the owners, the Stewards have provided a consolation event barring the winner of this race.

We should see a fine scramble over six furlongs, and I fancy National Success. Asot Vale heads the list of handicaps but I doubt if the blackie is sound.

The two most dangerous are Lancashire Chap and Palmer.

In 1934 Zero was nominated for the Hongkong Derby, but the mare's blood has lately been so much freed that there is hardly any speed left in the racer, and the trip over six furlongs is too long.

Australian Grand National

Brutus Probable Favourite For Two Mile Test

ONE OF THE EVENTS which every owner would like to annex on Sunday is the Australian Grand National Steeplechase, because the winner is to receive, in addition to the stake money of \$150, a cup presented by His Excellency the Governor.

The terrible test is a handicap chase for Australian ponies over two miles with the post of honour on Brutus, who has been set to carry 12 st.

I am afraid the postponement of the First Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club may deprive the racing public from seeing Brutus in action at Kwanti owing to the fact that Mr. Trevelyan's brilliant charger has an engagement in the Melbourne Cup.

If the Private Secretary intends to have a go at the Governor's Cup, Brutus will then be entrained for Fanling on Saturday with a non-appearance in the classic at Happy Valley. This bay by Morang has two jumping classics to his credit, the Fanling Blue Ribbons of 1937 and 1938, but last year Brutus with the Irish owner in the saddle misjudged in taking off the Lou's fence and the combination came to grief on the landing stage.

However they had a successful "dress rehearsal" in the Queenstand Steeplechase Handicap at the February meeting, and I cannot, therefore, see anything to blemish the horse from the Government House.

In his absence my next best is Sea Urelin and Glorious Star, the winner of last year's Grand National.

Tournament Tennis

Pagh-Umetani Singles Match Unfinished

BASELINE DUELS of quite some length were the feature of the unfinished tennis singles match between M. Pagh and O. Umetani in the Open Championships at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday. Scores when the match was abandoned were Umetani 6-4, Pagh 8-6.

Only one other match was played, the Rumjahn cousins—H.D. & S.A.—beating Kenneth Lo and Lee Wing 6-1, 6-3.

The greater interest was shown in the Pagh-Umetani match. Umetani was excellent on the few occasions he advanced to the net, and took his points with fine volleys. In this department and in his service, Pagh showed considerable weakness, but, surprisingly, Umetani chose to play Pagh at his own game—from the baseline.

Rallies, consequently, were quite long. Umetani exploited a heavily sliced backhand, but in this Pagh was the superior, for in the second set it was on this hand that Pagh was most steady and gained most points.

Results were:
Open Singles—O. Umetani (6-4) v. M. Pagh (8-6) Unfinished. To be replayed.
Open Doubles—S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Kenneth Lo and Lee Wing 6-1, 6-3.
Club Championships—V. R. Gordon beat A. K. Mackenzie 6-3, 6-0.

Choy And Low Win Badminton Doubles Match

K. W. CHOY, Malayan champion, and K. B. Low were the main attraction at the Talkoo Recreation Club last night when further matches in the Colony Badminton Championships were played. They met and beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves 15-4, 15-10.

JUNIOR SINGLES

E. Zimmern beat J. Hool 15-5, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES
M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva beat D. Kwok and Mrs P. Wilson 14-17, 15-3, 18-15.

K. W. Choy and Mrs A. E. Castro beat S. Amplanavar and Miss T. Gonsalves 15-9, 15-5.

IN BOTH his matches, the senior doubles and the mixed doubles, Choy was the outstanding player on the court. His angle shots and accuracy were astonishing, while his smashes were most powerful. In his men's doubles he received great support from Low, who, at the net, brought off some very neat angled shots.

Remedios and Gonsalves were often caught standing in the first game, though they improved considerably in the second. Remedios took several points with his powerful smash down the sidelines. In combination, too, they improved in the second game, when Gonsalves' anticipation was one of the features of the match.

Close Game
As the scores indicate, the mixed doubles game between Oliveira and Miss Silva was very close. Many of the points, however, were gained through errors. Oliveira was the usual bundle of energy, and in this considerably off-set the advantage Kwok had in his more accurate playings.

The first game was settled three at 14-all, and the final game five at 13-all.

Club Handicap Singles—G. Strirling Lee retired walk-over from E. S. Hall; H. C. D. Knight beat A. C. J. Howker 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

To-day's Programme

OPEN DOUBLES
The following is the programme of matches in the Open Tennis Championships next week:
W. C. Hung and E. E. Fincher v. Wei Chung and S. T. Chai.
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v. R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay.
B. O'M. Denne and A. T. Dow v. W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell.

Fanling Grand National

Stamina Contest For China Ponies Over 1 3/4 Miles

THE FANLING GRAND NATIONAL bracketed with Pierce Grove Memorial Cup (a handicap steeplechase) is going to celebrate its 16th run on Sunday, and it is one of the greatest strain and stamina contests for China ponies over 1 3/4 miles.

Shamrock H'cap

A Good Time's Debut On Country Course

THERE HAS BEEN a reshuffle in the order of running the events, and I understand the Shamrock Handicap, a flat race for "D" class Australian ponies, is the first item on the card. The sprint is over seven furlongs.

A Good Time has never been on a country course, and the mare by Seabound has been penalised 10 lb. (winner) and Roodly in the Adelaide Handicap at Happy Valley.

It was her first and only place, but I have confidence in A Good Time to win on Sunday.

More at Home

THE form book shows that Dick Turpin has no relish for Happy Valley, but in the country at Kwanti, Mr. Potts' candidate is a hot stuff. Dick Turpin ran second to Schmetterling in the Kwanti Handicap, and he should be dangerous in view of the readjustment of 5 lb. of lead in his favour.

Schmetterling, by the way, likes the open course, but I am afraid that the extra poundage may hinder his chances of collecting the first prize.

Violet Queen has not been seen in the chunder track during the early mornings and that is all I know about the mare. However, she was a dainty sprinter in her prime of 1936 class and I would recommend her for big money.

Consolation Cup

Handicap Event For Non-winners

THE 1/ST EVENT, Dublin Consolation Cup, is for those "D" class China ponies that have started in the Dublin Handicap with a ban on the winner. The second and third placed ponies are to be penalised 5 lb. and 3 lb. respectively, and the fourth placed ponies to be left to readers' discretion.

For calculating weight in England, a length equals to 3 lb. with a neck being equivalent to 2 lb. and a head is allowed 1 lb. This scale should be useful to assist punters in spotting the winner.

Despite the war, a good field is expected, but Clowner, the winner of last season's Blue Riband, is not among the list of entries.

The absence of Mr. Whittaker's candidate has no doubt removed the best challenger, and it looks to me that Viber will not encounter much opposition.

With due respect to either Double Chance, Jack O'Lantern or March Brown's capability as chasers, I am of the frank opinion that Viber is a hard nut to crack.

The style in which he won the Shamrock Hurdle at the last meeting was like a tiger over the sticks in a circus show, and he certainly does not lose any ground at the hurdles. I admit that Viber has not as yet given us a public performance over the fences, but that is a secondary matter.

Since the inception of this classic there have been only three owners, namely, W. T. Stanton, L. Reidy and Lt-Col H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., who have won more than once, and in the contest's 15 years' history, Easter Day, As You Like It, Christmas Frolic, Pride of Taingno and Ebony Idol had consecutive successes.

However, March Brown and Jack O'Lantern should fill the lower positions in the frame. Chubby Number is a new comer and so is Ploughboy.

Hunter's Cup

Special Dollar Cash Sweep

THE HUNTERS' CUP, a handicap flat for "D" class China ponies, is a short run over seven furlongs, but it will be the event of the afternoon on account of a special dollar cash sweep being conducted on the race.

Royal Wedding Eve should have "an easy walk" with King's Worthy and Royal Highness fighting hard to trail her.

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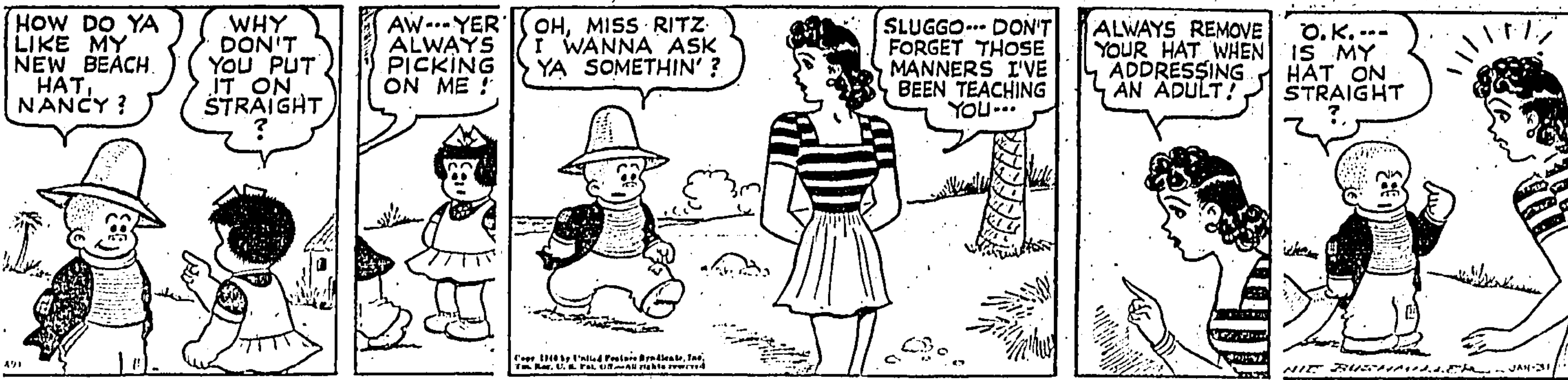
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Government To Control Nightsoil Removal

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, at a meeting yesterday, gave its approval for Government to take over control of the removal of nightsoil at an annual expenditure of \$400,000.

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary) presided and said that both His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council were of the opinion that the change-over should be adopted without further delay, particularly from the important aspect of defence.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson remarked that none of the members felt very happy about the matter though they felt it had to be done, while the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo protested emphatically against the failure of the Urban Council and Government to consider the representations of the Luen Yick Guild.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell recommended that as many people as possible at present engaged in the business should be employed by Government and an assurance to this effect was given by the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Chairman of the Urban Council.

Both the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields and the Hon. Mr. W. N. T. Tam dissociated themselves from the motion. The former expressed the hope that extra taxation to provide for the cost of the new scheme would not be necessary, while the latter remarked that it would be interesting to observe what would happen when the reasons of defence have disappeared.

While not against the motion, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce expressed the view that street-sweepers and refugees who had no latrines to go to were, in the main, responsible for the troubles attributed to the old system.

Weekly Toll In Hongkong

Three People Killed

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories, during the week ending at 8 a.m. last Saturday, there were altogether 79 traffic accidents, as the result of which three persons were killed and 20 were injured.

A Chinese male, age 35, and a 4½-year-old girl were knocked down and killed by a bus and a private car, respectively, while crossing the carriage-way. A Chinese male, age 52, died from injuries received on falling off a moving lorry.

Of persons injured, 15 were pedestrians who were struck by vehicles while crossing the carriage-way. Two bicycle riders were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles. A bicycle rider was injured on falling off his bicycle.

A private car driver was injured when his car ran into a tree.

A train passenger was injured while alighting from a moving train. Of the accidents, 32 were collisions between vehicles, 29 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians and 12 were due to other causes.



BLITZ-FIRE—Incendiary bombs dropped on London by Nazi air raiders set shops and buildings afire. Civilians joined official fire-fighters in quenching flames.

The appointment is announced by the Colonial Office of Miss D. Revell to be a nursing sister at Hongkong.

TRIBUTES PAID TO GENERAL NORTON Leaving Hongkong To-day

Tributes to Lieut-General E. F. Norton for his able administration of the Colony during the past seven months were paid at a meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday. General Norton is leaving the Colony to-day.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, presided at the meeting, and others present were His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett (General Officer Commanding), the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney General), the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd (Acting Financial Secretary), the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke (Director of Medical Services), the Hon. Mr. B. Purves (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue (Acting Commissioner of Police), the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie (Chairman of Urban Council), the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. Lee D'Amaud, a C.M.S., the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, the Hon. Mr. W. N. T. Tam, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-long, and Mr. C. B. Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

Appreciation of Work

His Excellency the Governor said: "Hon. Members, before General Norton leaves the Colony you will, I feel sure, be glad of an opportunity to show your high appreciation of his work here during the past seven months."

General Norton came here on a special mission in August last and he has fulfilled his task to the admiration of all. It was no light or easy duty that he took upon his shoulders. In the civil administration of the Colony with the processes of which he was unfamiliar, I know from him that from the outset he has been immensely helped and supported by the staff given to him in this Council and the whole-hearted co-operation of the Civil Service. From what he has said to me I know that he would like me to mention particularly the loyalty and expert ability of the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Applause).

As President of this Council, I invite its members to signify their grateful recognition of General Norton's untiring and successful labours on this Colony's behalf (Applause).

The Hon. Mr. Paterson: Your Excellency, may I express to you our very great sorrow that General Norton should have suffered so serious an accident and may I also express to you, sir, our great appreciation of the many things that he has done for us during his stay here, and may I hope too that very speedily he will be completely recovered (Applause).

The Hon. Mr. Lo: Your Excellency, on behalf of my Chinese colleagues on this Council, and in the name of the Chinese Community, I desire respectfully to associate myself with the tribute which Your Excellency has just paid to Lieut-General Norton.

When the announcement was first received in the Colony that a Military Governor was to be appointed for Hongkong during the absence on leave of Your Excellency, I must confess that there were many in the Colony—in honesty I include myself—who felt a great deal of apprehension. Would he be too much occupied with the military aspect of Hongkong to pay adequate heed to the numerous civilian problems of the Colony? Would he try to introduce

some dictatorial form of government and ignore the views of the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils? Would he be somewhat impatient with civilian views and the questions which exercised the public mind and gave rise to the apprehension I have mentioned. But such apprehension was speedily dispelled by Lieut-General Norton himself.

Soon after Lieut-General Norton's arrival it became obvious to the community that he was more than a military officer of distinction; he was an able administrator, with wide sympathies and understanding. He made the fullest possible use of both Councils. I should like to record the gratitude of the Chinese Members of this Council for the way in which he took us into his confidence on numerous questions with which he had to deal, and the sympathetic manner in which he received representations we felt it our duty to make, as representatives of the Chinese.

I venture to think that the number of functions which Lieut-General Norton attended during the short period of his administration must constitute a record. It is a matter of amazement to many of us how he could have found time to study and master so many different and difficult problems, and at the same time to get to know so many individuals in the Colony. He made his inspections frequently at hours when the rest of the Colony was still in bed, and it can truly be said that he never spared himself.

Those who had the privilege of meeting Lieut-General Norton socially could not but be struck by his deep culture, broad outlook and rare charm, whilst I myself consider the speech he made at the opening of the new Baptist Church an unconscious but illuminating revelation of his innate kindness and human sympathy, simplicity and understanding.

The whole Colony was shocked and grieved to hear of Lieut-General Norton's accident, resulting in injuries which necessitated medical treatment during the last few weeks of his stay in Hongkong. We all hope he will soon be completely restored to health.

Sir, the Colony will gratefully remember Lieut-General Norton's devoted efforts on behalf of Hongkong, and we shall all follow with deep personal interest his future career, which we know will be both brilliant and distinguished in whatever sphere of activity to which he may be called in the service of the British Empire. In the name of the Chinese Community I tender to him our gratitude, warm regards and good wishes (Applause).

WAR FUND DONATION

A donation of \$100 from the Czechoslovak Committee brings yesterday's total of the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., to \$1,693,991.62. The Czechoslovak Committee have now made three donations to the Fund.

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LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The King was aboard one of the American destroyers taken over by Britain when he visited Devonport Dockyard to-day.

It was the first time that the King had been aboard one of these warships and as an old naval officer, he was very interested in her equipment and armament.

This destroyer is manned entirely by Canadians.

The King inspected the ship's company, drawn up on deck, and later he was received aboard the flotilla leader by the Captain and inspected officers and ratings who, a few hours before, had been at action stations ready to engage any enemy ship.

A Decoration

On the quayside the King decorated a Polish naval officer, Captain Hulewicz, with the D.S.O. amid the cheers of British, Free French and Polish officers and ratings.

Meanwhile the Queen chatted with wounded officers and sailors at the Naval hospital.

Escorted by Lady Astor, deputising for her husband, the Lord Mayor, who is ill with influenza, the King and Queen toured the bombed areas of Plymouth.

R.A.M.C. Win Garrison Snooker Title

THE R.A.M.C. won the Garrison Snooker Championship last night when they beat the Royal Engineers' Sergeants 4-2 in the last match of the season.

When they met the Engineers were one point ahead and needed only a draw to annex the championship.

Results of the match, with the names of the winners first, were as follows:—Sgt. E. Wyle beat Sgt. Colenne, Pte A. Howe beat S/Sgt. Brannon, Pte M. James lost to Sgt. Sheldrake, Lieut. V. Dixon (Capt.) lost to S/Sgt. Mesnon (Capt.), Pte W. Whybro beat S/Sgt. Rogers, and Cpl. J. H. Harvey beat S/Sgt. Mitchell.

Col. N. Ford, President of the Garrison Billiards and Snooker League, gave away the prize.

R.A.F. Bomber Joins German Squadron

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by enemy aircraft during daylight to-day.

On the Kent coast this morning, machine-gun fire was directed at streets in a town and bombs were dropped at two points, says the latest Air Ministry communique.

Houses were damaged and a small number of casualties occurred, some of which were fatal.

Bombs were also dropped in the south-coast district but the damage was small.

London Alert

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—An alert was sounded in the London area to-night.

Heavy gunfire soon heralded the approach of raiders, who appeared to be coming in from the Thames Estuary.

Enemy planes were believed to be in the vicinity of South-west and East Anglia.

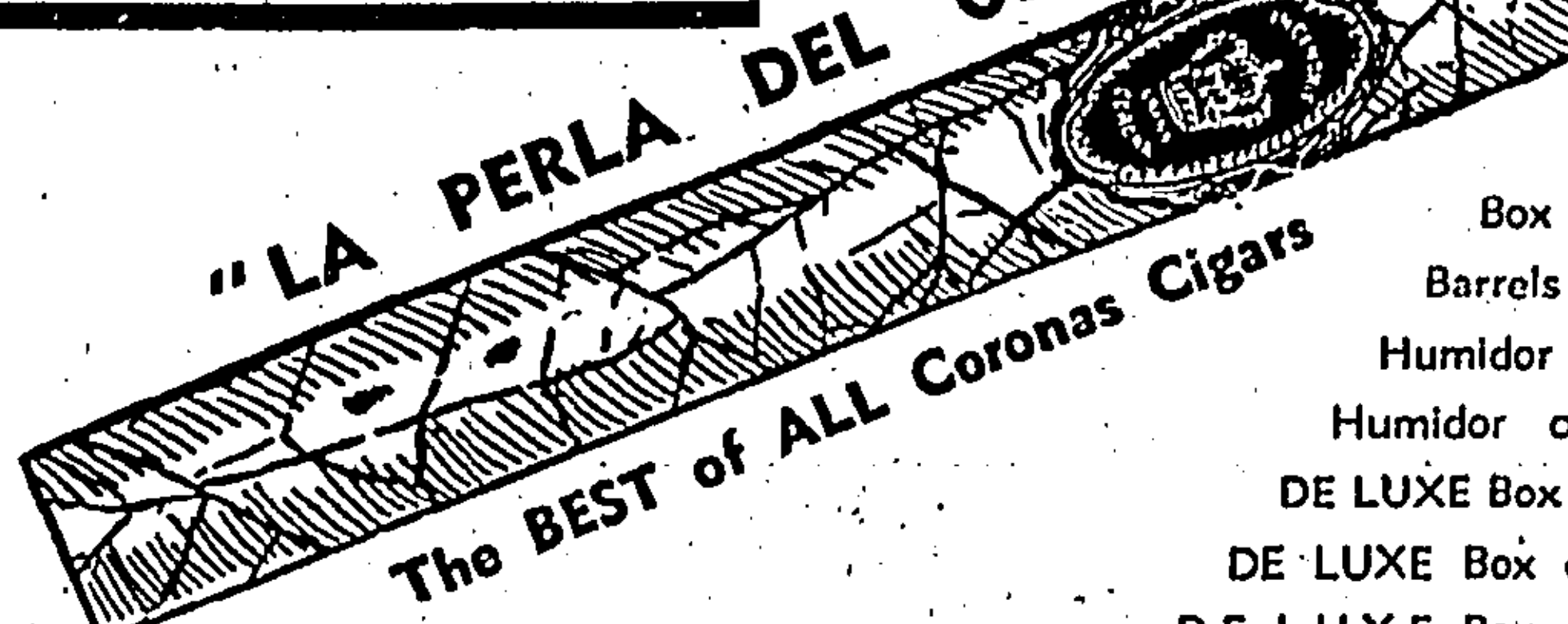
Japanese Evacuate Singapore

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Italian Warship Hit By Torpedoes

CAIRO, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—An Italian cruiser or a large destroyer was among the ships sunk or damaged in a series of attacks which the Fleet Air Arm made against enemy shipping in Valona and Durazzo last Saturday and Monday nights, states a communique issued here today.

Six or seven hits were obtained with torpedoes. The communique says that the attacks were extremely successful and caused severe damage.

Transports Torpedoed
LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Further successes have been reported by British submarines operating against Italy's sea communications, says an Admiralty communique.

The submarine *Utmost* (Lieut. Commander R. D. Coyle) carried out a successful attack on an escorted convoy of two deeply laden Italian transports of about 6,000 and 4,000 tons crowded with troops. The explosions of the torpedoes were followed by a very violent explosion, and it is considered certain that at least one of the transports was completely destroyed.

The submarine *Triumph* (Lieut. Commander W. J. Woods) has sunk two deeply laden Italian supply ships, each of about 2,500 tons.

The submarine *Unique* (Lieut. Commander A. F. Collett) has torpedoed a fully-laden Italian supply ship of about 3,000 tons which was proceeding in an escorted convoy. This supply ship is almost certainly sunk.

Admiralty Communique
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Mar. 20 (UP).—The Admiralty today announced that the British submarine *Unique*, *Utmost* and *Triumph* sunk four and probably five Italian ships in the Mediterranean including two transports of about 6,000 and 4,000 tons each believed to have been heavily laden with troops.

The announcement said the torpedo explosions were followed by very violent explosions and it is considered that at least one transport was completely destroyed.

The *Unique* attacked an Italian supply ship of about 3,000 tons which was "almost certainly sunk; the *Utmost* sank two transports while the *Triumph* sank two deeply laden Italian supply ships, each of about 2,500 tons.

AMERICA TO CONSTRUCT GREAT BATTLE FLEET: 65,000-TON WARSHIPS

Special to the "Telegraph"
WASHINGTON, MAR. 20 (UP).—THE SENATE BY VOTE TO-DAY PASSED THE \$3,446,000,000 BILL PROVIDING FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE GREATEST PEACE-TIME WARSHIP CONSTRUCTION IN UNITED STATES HISTORY. THIS SWIFT ACTION FOLLOWED THE APPROVAL OF TWO BILLS AUTHORIZING THE NAVY TO MAKE CONTRACTS FOR A CHAIN OF SEA BASES.

Representative Melvyn Maas, of the Naval Affairs Committee, revealed that the two-ocean naval expansion programme will include five super-battleships of from 60,000 to 65,000 tons. He said he had been informed that the super-ships were contracted for in September last. The Navy Department declined to confirm or deny this.

BRITISH BOMBERS ACTIVE

Fierce Eritrea And Abyssinia Raids

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, Mar. 20 (UP).—Intense R.A.F. activity is continuing in Eritrea particularly in the Keren and Asmara areas, according to an official announcement. The enemy positions in the hills around Keren were repeatedly dive-bombed and machine-gunned.

Enemy transport on the road between Keren and Asmara was attacked. During the heavy raid on Asmara the telegraph office and the Fiat works were bombed. Another formation bombed the railway station. The aerodrome at Dessie was heavily attacked and badly damaged.

The harbour at Tsebati was heavily bombed and one stick of bombs fell on a concentration of shipping. At Tabet there were explosions and fires among dispersed enemy planes. The R.A.F. also raided an enemy aerodrome at Tripolitania and military objectives at Tepelini. One plane is missing.

U.S. Warships In New Zealand
WELLINGTON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—"Ace ace, Kia kashia"—Maori words meaning "For ever, for ever, we shall fight on"—was the message which the United States naval squadron which has been visiting Auckland took with it when it sailed today.

During the ships' visit, a large banner bearing these words was hung over the main street of Auckland and today Sir Ernest Davis, the Mayor of Auckland, gave it as a parting gift to Captain Stone, commanding the squadron.

When the cruiser *Brooklyn* led the squadron to sea, the banner was draped around her bridge.

Mr Maas asserted the super-battleships would conform with the naval limitation treaty tonnage of 45,000 tons owing to the fact that the "treaty tonnage is the weight of the ships practically as they slide off the ways. When ships are outfitted with guns, and armour, the tonnage is increased considerably." He said that the names, Montana, Ohio, Maine, New Hampshire and Louisiana had been assigned to these ships.

Informed circles stated that none of the keels has as yet been laid. Mr Maas declared that there was some possibility of mounting 18-inch guns but it was more probable that the ships would carry 16-inch guns.

Chain of Naval Bases
WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (UP).—The Senate today approved the conference reports on authorisation bills totalling \$342,876,393, including a chain of naval and air bases in eight British possessions in the Atlantic and work in the Pacific. This approval completed Congressional action.

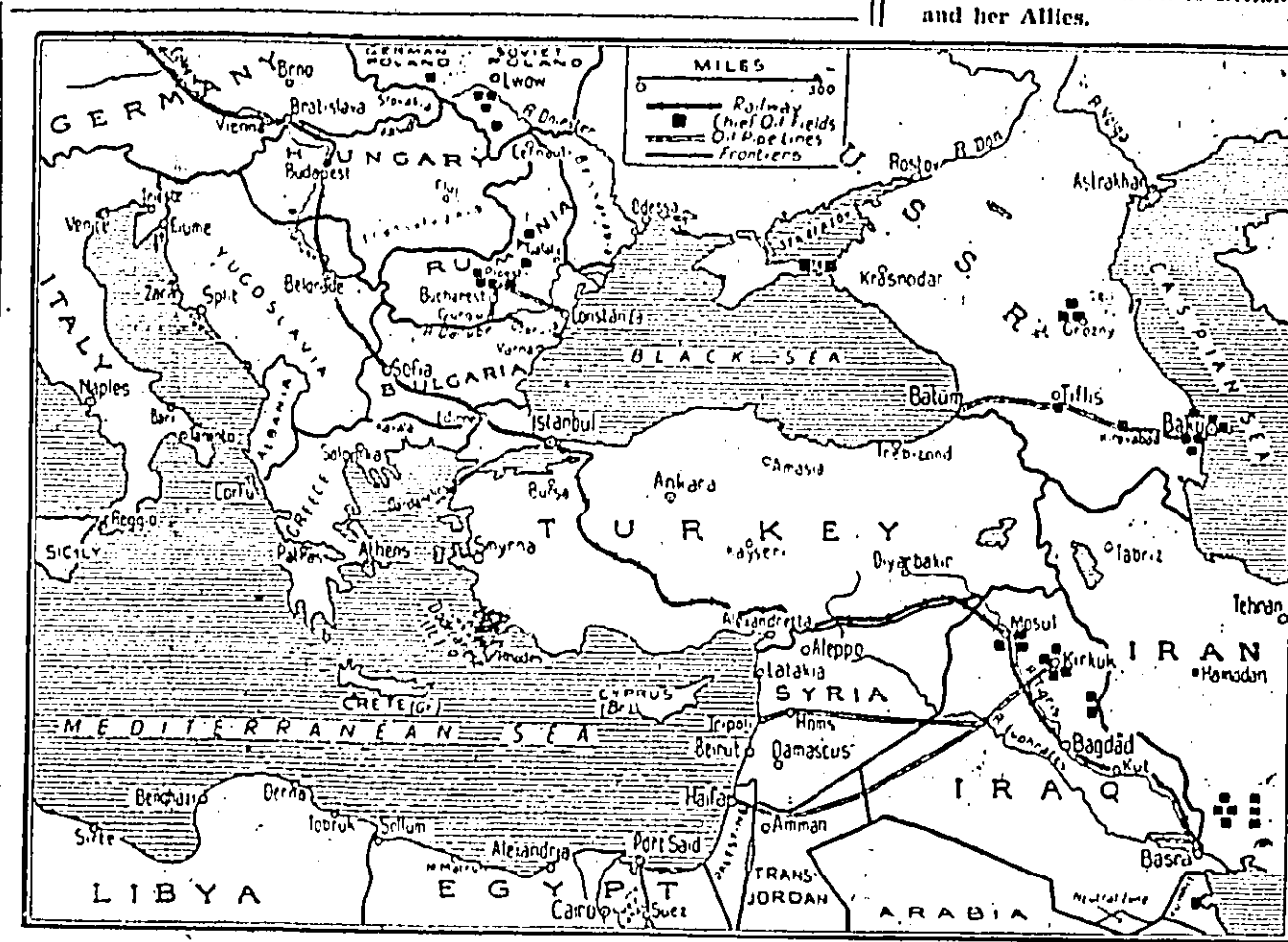
The approval of the naval base authorisation was unanimous and coincided with the London reports that there was full agreement between the United States and Britain regarding the legal conditions of the lease bill. Two other bills also authorised the improvements and partial fortification of Guam and Samoa.

Aviation Station
WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Two bills authorising the expenditure of \$345,000,000 on naval and public works programmes, including work on the Pacific islands of Guam and Samoa and bases recently acquired from Britain, were passed in the Senate today.

The bills, which include the expenditure of \$16,500,000 for aviation stations in British possessions, now await President Roosevelt's signature.

INDIA FACTORY EXPANSION
BOMBAY, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Sir Alexander Roger, Chairman of the Roger Mission, disclosed in a press interview today that the mission had recommended a large-scale factory expansion in India.

Intended for war work, the factories will be equipped with modern machinery which will prove suitable for mankind's peace-time work and thus add materially to India's industrial capacity.



R.A.F. Bomber Joins German Squadron & Bombs Aerodrome

Special to the "Telegraph"
LONDON, Mar. 20 (UP).—The Air Ministry states that an R.A.F. bomber flying over enemy occupied territory recently, joined a formation of German bombers who were returning from Britain and received the landing signal from a German aerodrome. The R.A.F. pilot flew down as though to land and then a member of his crew signalled on a flash lamp, "Heil Hitler" and the bomber dropped a stick of bombs across the aerodrome, after which the plane returned to Britain.

Cologne & Lorient Bombed By R.A.F.

Special to the "Telegraph"
LONDON, Mar. 20 (UP).—Royal Air Force bombers scored important hits with heavy high explosive and incendiary bombs on Cologne factories last night, according to an official announcement.

A fierce attack was directed against communications and industrial targets on the east bank of the Rhine, according to the report. Good results were clearly observed. Several factories were hit and one large building was seen to disintegrate under the impact of heavy bombs. Many fires also broke out. The communique added that all storage tanks at Rotterdam and three aerodromes in the Low Countries were successfully attacked. No planes are missing as a result of these raids.

No British Losses
LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Coastal Command aircraft last night attacked the submarine base of Lorient, states an Air Ministry communique.

Many heavy bombs were seen to burst on the locks and one very large fire was started. No British aircraft is missing from these operations but one British fighter is missing from patrol yesterday.

Bombing Cologne
LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—How a British heavy bomber on its way to bomb Cologne last night disposed of a Messerschmitt fighter is told by the Air Ministry.

The Messerschmitt came in three times to attack the bomber, whose fire hit the fighter and probably destroyed it. After this encounter, the bomber went on to bomb Cologne.

Roosevelt Broadcast
NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The speech President Roosevelt is to make at the dinner in Washington on Jackson Day (March 20), will be attended by leaders of the Democratic Party.

Japanese Evacuate Singapore

Mounting Tension In Far East

SINGAPORE, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The N.Y.K. liner *Haruma Maru* sailed for Japan at noon today carrying the last group of Japanese women and children evacuating Singapore in view of the mounting tension in the Far East, states a Japanese report.

Count Michimasa Soewima and seven members of the Afghanistan mission to Japan are also on board.

Americans Leaving Japan
TOKYO, Mar. 20 (Domel).—Revising its former order to all Methodist missionaries in Japan and Korea to evacuate to the United States, the Mission Board in New York has asked the Mission Council of the Methodist Church to transfer the group of women missionaries to the Philippines.

This first group will include Miss Helen Moore of the Kwassul Girls' School at Nagasaki, and Misses Patricia McHugh and Nell Dyer of the Aoyama Gakuin College of Tokyo who left for Manila aboard the President Cleveland this afternoon.

Misses McHugh and Dyer had booked for the United States on the President Pierce but they changed their plans upon the last-minute notice from New York.

Another woman missionary, Mrs. T. Brumbaugh, with her daughter Miss Barbara Alko, left this afternoon aboard the Nippon Kaisha liner *Nitta Maru* for the United States.

Cruisers Head For Indo-China

SAIGON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—A further addition to the French Asiatic Fleet is indicated in a report that three cruisers of the 7,600-ton class and one submarine have already left France en route to Saigon, states a Japanese report.

It is recalled that a French submarine arrived here on March 6 from France. The three cruisers are reported to be the *Gloire*, the *Marsellaise* and the *Montcalm*.

Mediation Terms
BANGKOK, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Negotiations between the French and Thai delegates at Tokyo for a new convention readjusting their borders on the basis of the mediation agreement signed on March 11 are progressing smoothly, the newspaper "Prachintra" reported today, according to a Japanese source.

While only details are being worked out, it is understood that the navigational question is also being discussed. Preparations are now under way to accord a triumphal welcome to the Thai delegates who are expected to return from Tokyo sometime between April 2 and 6. Bangkok is being decorated in the most elaborate fashion. It is understood that Thai soldiers who fought at the frontiers will also receive a welcome as soon as they carry out the provisions of the new Franco-Thai convention to be signed on April 1.

Choppers Used In Chase After Bank Robbery

Two persons, one a Chinese bank manager and the other a European, were injured yesterday in chasing two armed robbers who are alleged to have snatched a large sum of money from a man in the Wing Hang Bank, No. 3 Bonham Strand.

The bank manager, Li Hon-man, has been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with chopper wound to his face. The European, who was walking along the road and attempted to intercept the robbers, received a cut on the arm. He has not been identified.

About 12.30 p.m. yesterday, an Indian was having a sum of money changed at the bank when the two robbers, who had been lurking outside the place, dashed boldly into the building and snatched a sum of about \$2,000 Chinese currency from his hands.

An alarm was raised, and the men were chased by the bank's manager and a number of his folk. The men ran from Bonham Strand into Queen's Road, and near the Ho Tung Building they were stopped by a European

Acting Governor Says Goodbye To Hongkong

Lieut-General E. F. Norton, who has been acting Governor of Hongkong during the past seven months, bade farewell this morning. He is returning to England. The popularity which he attained during his brief period of administration was amply testified by the large number of distinguished personages who gathered at Queen's Pier to bid him farewell.

General Norton appeared to have fully recovered from the effects of his fall. He looked hale and hearty, and as he left on a motor launch, after having shaken hands with officials and friends, he was given three lusty cheers.

LATEST

Sydney Hails U.S. Warships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SYDNEY, Mar. 20 (UP).—The United States Naval squadron arrived today and its Commander, Rear Admiral John Newton told the cheering crowd that "America has never before been so ready and willing to throw her energies into helping the Democracies win the war."

The arrival was celebrated by a holiday and the news supplanted the war news on the front pages of the newspapers.

The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. E. F. Braddon, said the Americans recognised Britain's cause as America's cause, and added, "I am confident that America has now aligned herself with us and has formed units with her sister Democracies, never to be broken."

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HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB

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March 29th, 1941.

Object

To obtain funds to purchase Motor Ambulances and Mobile Canteens for China and Britain.

MEMBERS

Hongkong Police and Police Reserve Dance

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph. Sir—May I, through the courtesy of your correspondence columns, thank all those who helped either by their attendance or otherwise, to make the above function successful. A sum of \$3,700 was raised and this amount has been divided equally between "The Lord Mayor's Fund for Relief of Air Raid Distress" and "The British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China."

C. G. Pannor,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

TO-DAY AT THE KING'S THEATRE

SHE OUT-LOVES!

SHE OUT-LAUGHS!

SHE OUT-FIGHTS!

Anything you have ever seen on the screen!

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Issue of 600,000 new ordinary shares of \$10 each

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 1st to 5th April, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

21st March, 1941.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 24th day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in sq. feet	Upset Price
1	Kowloon	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 241, Canton Road, Tsim Sha Tsui.	as per sale plan.	about 9114	\$18,223

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$18,223 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,

Manager.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.



RADIO

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Request Variety And Dance Programmes

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 9-11 p.m. and 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

11. K. T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cession.

12.30 Compositions of Rossini. 1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Joe Green (Xylophone and Bell) and Mili Herth (Organ).

1.10 Paul Robinson (Bass) and The London Palladium Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The Boston Symphony Orchestra with Lawrence Tibbett (Soprano).

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Newsletter by O. M. Green.

7.30 Excerpts from Grand Opera.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Tchaikovsky—The Swan Lake—Ballet Music.

8.35 A Piano and Violin Recital by Vladimir Horowitz and Yehudi Menuhin.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Request Variety Programme.

Vocal Duet—Another One Gone (Nichols).—North Blaney and Given Farr with Piano and Cello.

"Chu Chin Chow"—Selection (Norton).—London Palladium Orchestra; Vocal—Little Lady Make-Believe (Tobias, Simon).—Bing Crosby with Eddie Dunstetter at the Organ; Dixieland—Selection. Intro: Whistling Rufus; Alexander's Ragtime Band; Deep River, Dinah; The Wedding Gilder; Old You Beautiful Doll; I Went to Be in Dixie; The Gaby Blide; The Shick; The Ragtime Violin; That Mysterious Rag; Buck Home in Tennessee.—Debroy Somers with Vocal Chorus; Vocal—When April Sings; Waltzing in the Clouds (both from film "Spring Parade").—Deanna Durbin with Orchestra.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—"Correspondence Column" by Sidney Hornblow.

10.15 Request Variety Programme continued.

Orchestra—Gaiety Memories; Intro: Going Up; Every Little Girl can teach me something New; The Last Waltz; They didn't Know What Love Was; Brighton; The Tickle Toe; Mary; Here in my Arms; The Guards Brigade.

London Palladium Orchestra; Vocal—You're A Sweetheart (from the film); My Fine Feathered Friend (film "You're A Sweetheart").—Greta Keller with Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—Star Dust Covered Bundle.

Joe Loss and His Orchestra; Vocal—The Wizard of Oz—Selection.

Steffani and His Silver Songsters; Rumba—Mario La O.—Lecuna Cuban Boys; Vocal—Where Yorkshire and Lancashire Meet (Evans and Others).—Kitty Masters assisted by Bert Masters and Two Pianos; Slow Fox-Trot—Love You Much Too Much.—Ambrose and His Orchestra; Vocal—Old Sisy Old Gentleman (film "East side of Heaven").—Bing Crosby with Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Sweet Potato Piper (film "The Road to Singapore").—Glenn Miller and His Orchestra; Savoy Southern Memories; Intro: Uncle Ned; My Old Kentucky Home; Masses in de cold, cold ground; Who's dat a-calling; Carry Me Back to Old Virginia; Swing Low, Sweet Chariot; Camp Town Races; Deep River.—Debroy Somers Band with Male Chorus.

11.00 Close Down.

Fanling Golf Starting Times

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9.10 G. T. Harrington, J. S. Lee.	9.20 H. D. Dwyer, J. S. Morrison.
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"Y" Hockey Teams

The Y.M.C.A. hockey fixtures for to-morrow are as follows: At 4 p.m. Seniors against Royal Engineers—Benwell, Jordan, Tomlinson, Croft, Coombe, Waldron, Smith, Gemmell, O'Brien, Morgan and Dunn.

At 5 p.m. Juniors against Royal Navy Juniors—Clegg, Ration, Grant, Smith, Ury, Gorman, Macy, Gilchrist, Dorrer, Sancey and Banks.

H.M.S. Cornflower Report Denied

The following statement was issued by the naval authorities this morning: "The report which appeared in a certain organ of the Hongkong press on March 21 in which it was stated that an officer of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Reserve had shot himself on board H.M.S. Cornflower is untrue."

Dates For Junior League Play-offs

PLAY-OFFS for the "A" and "B" Sections of the Junior Badminton League have been arranged.

On Wednesday, March 20, Chung Hwa and King's will meet at the Kowloon C.C. for the "A" Section play-off. Time to be announced later.

On Wednesday, April 2, St. John's and the K.C.C. will meet at the Club de Reccolo for the "B" Section play-off. Time to be announced later.

The final match between the winners of these Sections will probably be on Wednesday, April 9.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	INSURANCES
H.K. Banks \$.....1,340 n.	Cantons \$.....215 b.
H.K. Banks £.....77 n.	Union S. \$.....425 b.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....74 n.	China Underwriters \$.....1 n.
Chartered £.....84 n.	H.K. Fire \$.....170 b.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....214 n.	
Mercantile C. £.....104 n.	
East Asia £.....70 b.	

SHIPPING	DOCKERS ETC.
Douglas \$.....135 n.	Wharves \$.....94 1/2 n.
Steamships \$.....9 n.	Docks (old) \$.....10 1/2 b. & sa.
Indo-China P. \$.....8 n.	Docks (new) \$.....10 n.
Indo-China D. \$.....6 n.	Providents \$.....5.15 b.
Shell (Bearers) s/-.....41/3 n.	S'hai Dockyards \$.....29 1/4 n.
Waterboats \$.....7 n.	

MINING	LANDS
Kailan s/-.....15/- n.	Hotels \$.....3.10 b.
Ruhs s.x.d.8 n.	Lands s.x.d.31 1/4 b.
H.K. Mines \$.....14 cts. n.	Lands 4% Debentures.....97 1/2 n.

UTILITIES	INDUSTRIALS
Trams \$.....16 1/4 n.	Cald. Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$.....30 n.
Peaks Trams (old) \$.....7 1/2 n.	Cald. Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$.....25 n.
Peaks Trams (new) \$.....3 1/2 n.	Canton Ices \$.....1 n.
Star Ferry \$.....54 1/2 n.	Ciments \$.....17.40 b.
Y. Ferries \$.....24 1/2 n.	H.K. Ropes s.x.d.7.10 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....6.20 b. & sa.	
China Lights (new) \$.....1.97 1/4 n.	
H.K. Electric s.x.d., cr.39.90 b.	
Cements \$.....17.40 b.	
Macao Electric (old) \$.....17.60 b.	
Macao Electric (new) \$.....17 1/2 s.	
Sandakan Lights \$.....12 n.	
Telephones (old) \$.....24.15 b.	
Telephones (new) \$.....20 n.	

STORES, &c.	COTTON MILLS
Dairy Farm \$.....18 n.	Ewo Sh \$.....44 1/2 n.
Watsons \$.....10.05/11 60.	S'hai Cotton Sh. \$.....160 n.
Lane-Crawford \$.....74 1/2 n.	
Sinceres \$.....2.15 n.	
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....39 n.	
Powell Ltd. \$.....1.00 n.	

GOVT. &c.	MISC.
H.K. Govt. 4%.....07 n.	H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934).....94 1/2 sa.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940).....94 n.	Ch. Govt. 5% 1025 GSBDs.....42 n.
H.K. Entertainments \$.....7.15 b.	Constructions (old) \$.....1.60 n.
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Marmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-.....6 1/2 n.	Marmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-.....2/6 n.

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Stolen Ammunition Recovered

The recovery of 14,970 rounds of .303 live ammunition, the property of the Military authorities which were stolen from two pill-boxes at Tsau Wan at the beginning of this month, had a sequel at the District Office South Court this morning when three men were charged before Mr. S. F. Bullough with theft.

Defendants were Cheung Sui-lo, 41, Lau Hing, 41, odd-job collector, and Kwok Cheung, 65, boatman.

On the request of Det.-Sgt. Macpherson, Defendants were remanded for a week.

Halifax—Kleffens In Washington

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, and Dr. E. N. van Kleffens, the Dutch Foreign Minister, were given a tremendous reception when they attended a meeting of the National Press to-day.

Lord Halifax spoke for half an hour. His sincerity and firmness created a good impression.

Dr. Kleffens, who also spoke confidentially, described the Dutch Government in London as the nerve centre of resistance against German aggression and stressed the Government's confidence in final victory.

Sarajoglu Returns To Turkey

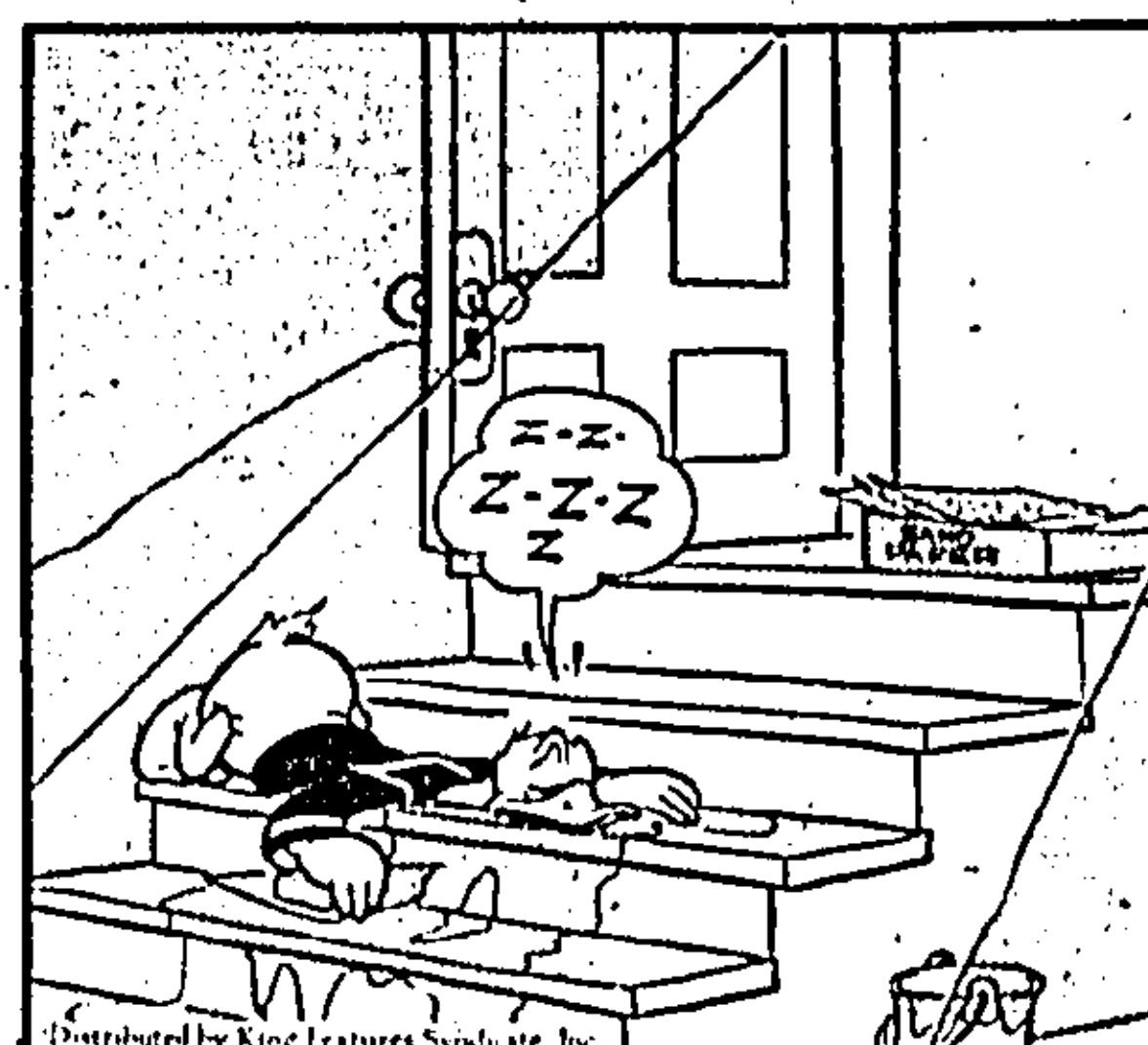
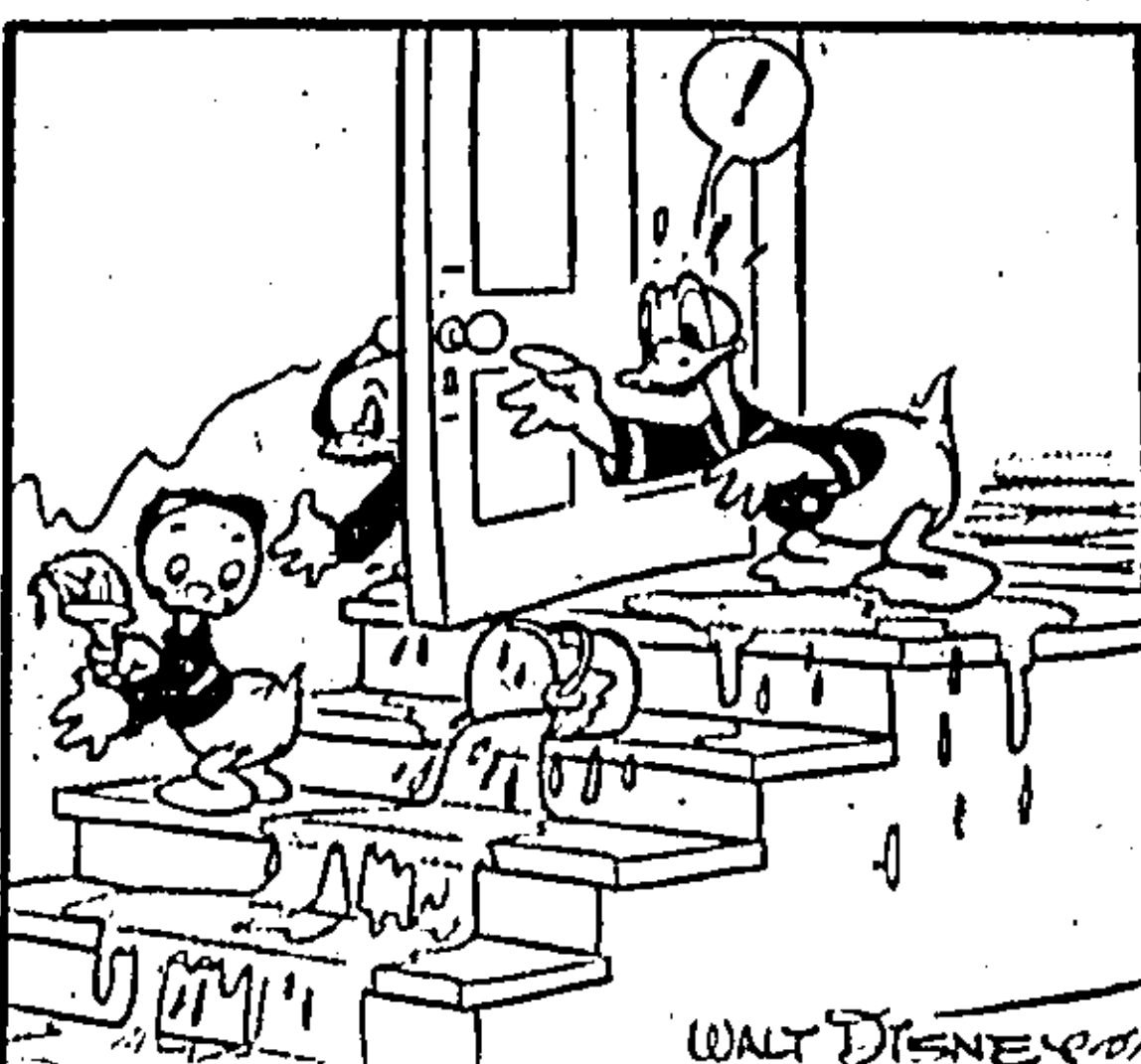
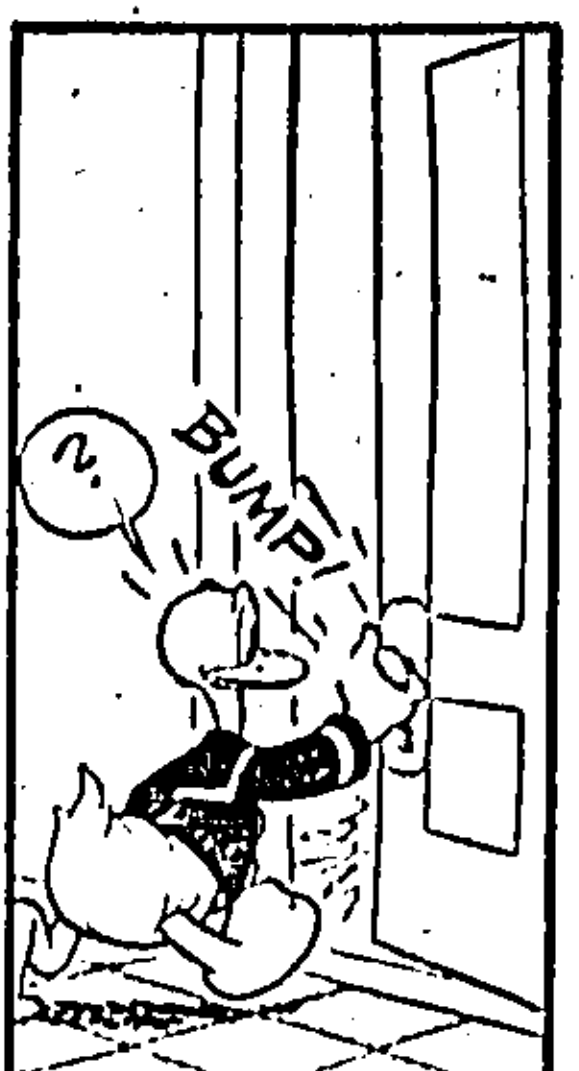
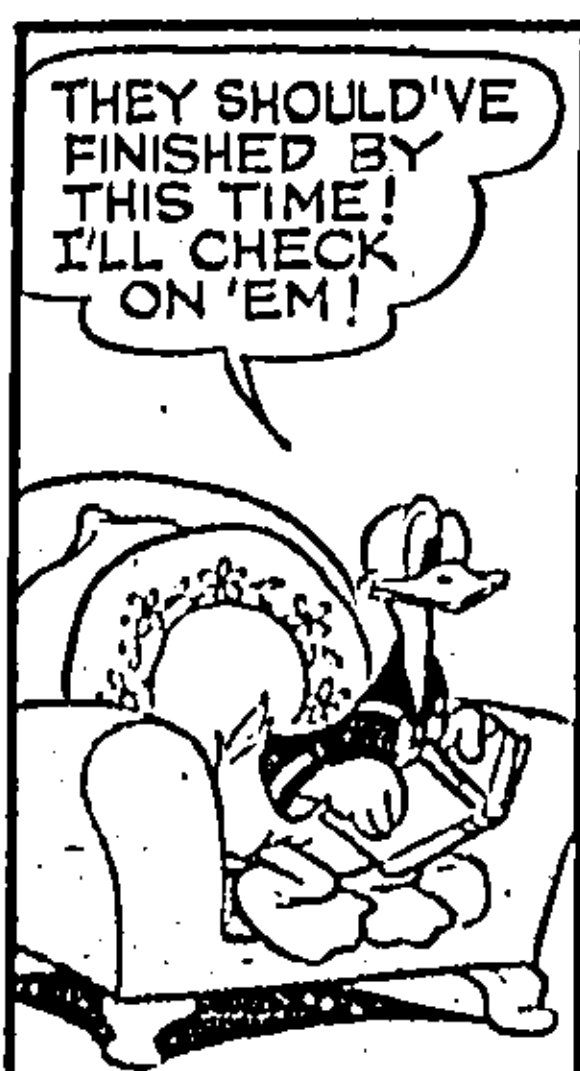
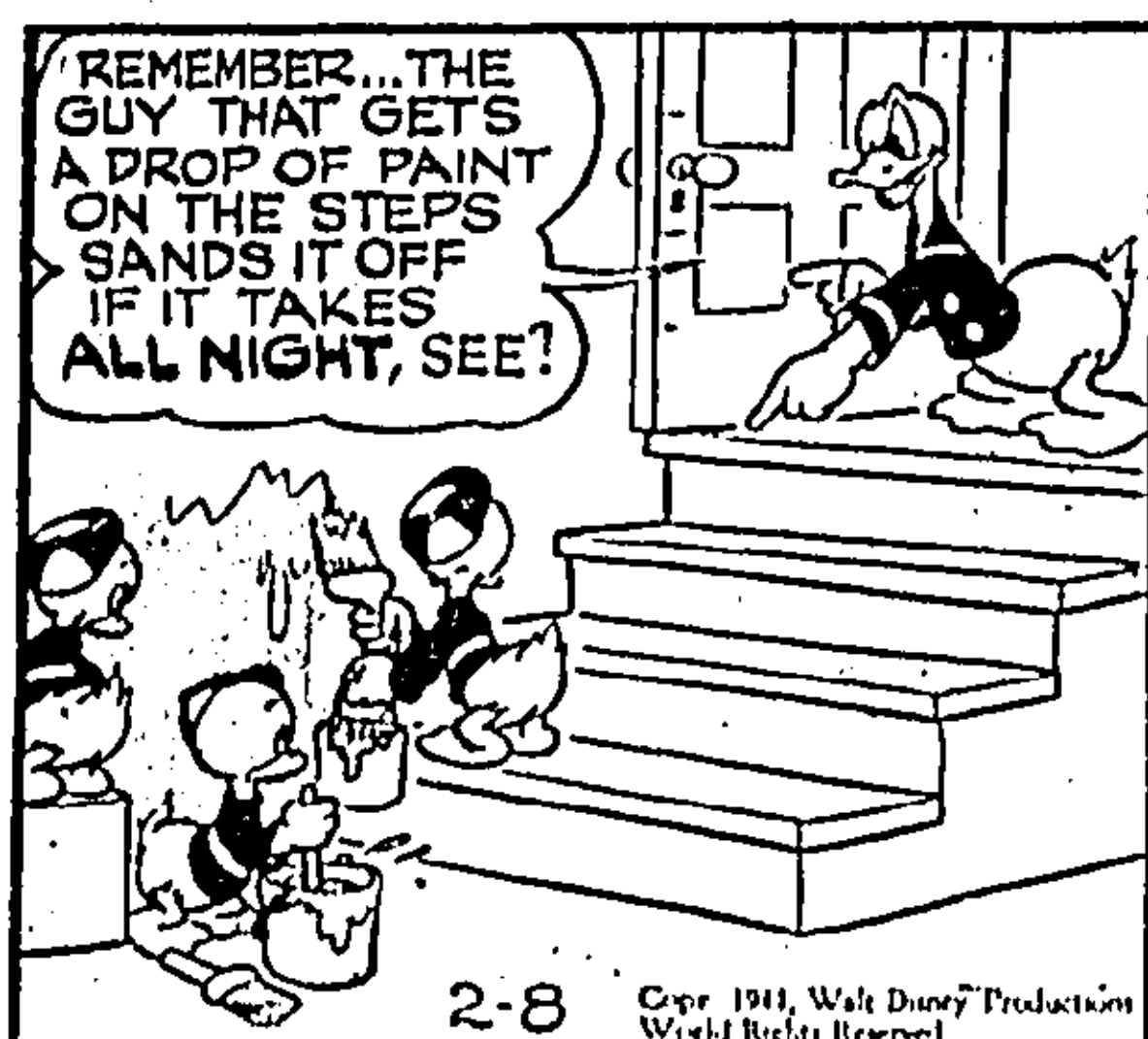
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—ISTANBUL, Mar. 20 (UP).—The Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu returned to Ankara from Cyprus by aeroplane at noon to-day.

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Synopsis: In the south of France, where I was travelling as companion to Mrs Van Hopper, I met Max de Winter. My own pale shyness was in contrast to his bitter, brooding silence; Mrs Van Hopper told me he was the owner of a famous estate, Manderley, which he had not occupied since the accidental death of his wife, Rebecca. Mrs Van Hopper took ill and was confined to her bed, and I found myself spending many hours with Max; before long I was deeply in love. When Mrs Van Hopper suddenly decided to leave, Max asked me to marry him, and took me to Manderley as his bride.

Chapter Two

I remember quite clearly the wave of annoyance which swept across Maxim's face when we entered the great hall of Manderley. The butler, Frith, had hurried down the front steps to meet us, and we had followed him to the huge first room of the house, where we were confronted with some twenty servants of the household, assembled to meet us. I was wet, and painfully conscious of my appearance before them all. I heard Maxim say, to Frith: "I didn't expect the whole staff to be in attendance," and Frith's quiet reply, "Mrs Danvers' orders, sir."

While I stood there, not knowing at all what to say, my eyes wandered beyond the immense hall, to its minstrel gallery and broad, sweeping staircase, back to the sea of faces, open-mouthed and curious. Almost as though from nowhere, someone advanced out from the sea of faces, someone tall and gaunt, a figure with a deeply-hollowed, brilliant-eyed face, a woman whose cold composure left me limp in embarrassed shyness. "This is Mrs Danvers," Maxim said, and I took her chill, damp hand.

The voice seemed almost a sneer. "How do you do, Madam," she said. "I have everything in readiness for you." I stammered a reply, and in my nervousness dropped a glove. She stepped forward and picked it up. There was more than a trace of scorn in her eyes and smile as she handed it back to me. I could not bear to return her look.

During the first days Maxim was quite busy with the affairs of Manderley, which were regularly managed by a shy and pleasant man named Frank Crawley. This gave me an opportunity to wander through the great house, which I would have liked to do alone. Always, however, Mrs Danvers would quietly appear; suddenly she would be there, behind me, inescapably performing her duty of acquainting me with the details of Manderley. She was careful to point out that the rooms we were occupying in the East Wing had never been used before, except for visitors.

"The room I was telling you about," she said, "is across the hall. It's not used now. It's the most beautiful room in the house—the only one that looks down across the lawns to the sea. It was Mrs de Winter's room." There was always Mrs Danvers, and the rolling sea in which she had died, to bring Rebecca de Winter back to me. I first saw her long, beautifully sloping handwriting on the flyleaf of a book of poems in Maxim's

room at Monte Carlo. I saw it at Manderley, on the exquisitely monogrammed glassware, and on the napery. In the beautiful morning room, which Frith showed me, I found her everywhere; it was a woman's room, furnished with lovely taste, overflowing azaleas and rhododendrons, warmed by a blazing fire. On the writing table, her desk set and guest and menu books still reposed—initialled "R." As I sat at the desk, the telephone rang.

I must have been in terror of being discovered, for the alarming sound left me almost senseless with fright. I lifted the receiver, and the voice said: "Mrs de Winter?" "Mrs de Winter?" I repeated. "I'm afraid you've made a mistake. Mrs de Win-



Judith Anderson, as Mrs Danvers, and Joan Fontaine, as Mrs de Winter.

ter has been dead for for more than a year."

It was not until I had replaced the receiver that I became aware of my irretrievable blunder. The colour flew to my cheeks with shame of the utter idiocy of what I had done. I heard a slight sound behind me, and wheeled about. It was Mrs Danvers, standing silently behind the chair, her eyes expressionless. "I—I'm sorry, Mrs Danvers," I stammered. "I didn't realise the call was for me." "That is the house telephone, Madam," she said coldly. "It was probably the head gardener wishing instructions."

Maxim's sister, Beatrice, and her husband, Giles Lacy, were not long in inviting themselves (through Maxim) to lunch. They were anxious, of course, to see what manner of girl Maxim had married, and I suppose I somewhat dreaded this first contact with them. They were more of Manderley than I. And they had known Rebecca.

When they came, Maxim was at the farm, and I met them in the library, alone. Major Lacy's round, blank face clearly showed his sur-

prise, but Beatrice simply scrutinised. They had both obviously expected someone quite different. They asked me how I liked Manderley, and Beatrice, how I was getting along with Mrs Danvers. I stammered an answer, which Beatrice understood. "There's no need to be frightened of her," she said. "But I shouldn't have any more to do with her than you can help. She's bound to be insanely jealous at first and she must resent you bitterly."

"But why should she?" I replied, quite astonished. "Don't you know? I should have thought Maxim would have told you. She simply adored Rebecca!"

During lunch, much of the conversation seemed to deal with the things I did not do, such as golf, and hunting, and riding, until Giles, in a thoughtless moment, said: "You don't—uh—you don't sail, do you?" and when I replied, no, I did not, came back with a loud "Thank God for that!" Every one immediately became silent with consternation, and Maxim stared grimly ahead. I knew that Rebecca was uppermost in their thoughts.

When they had left, Maxim suggested that we go for a walk, to which I happily agreed. Rebecca's dog, Jasper, lagged after Maxim as we walked towards the sea, and as we came to a fork in the



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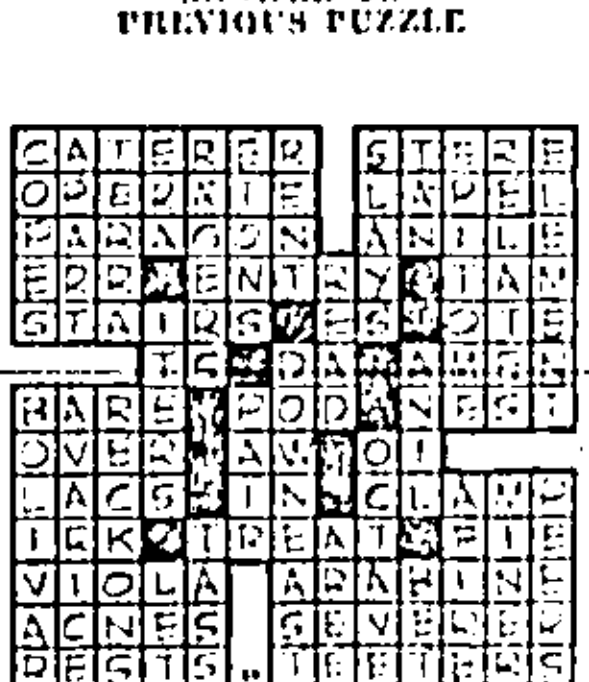
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By LARS MORRIS

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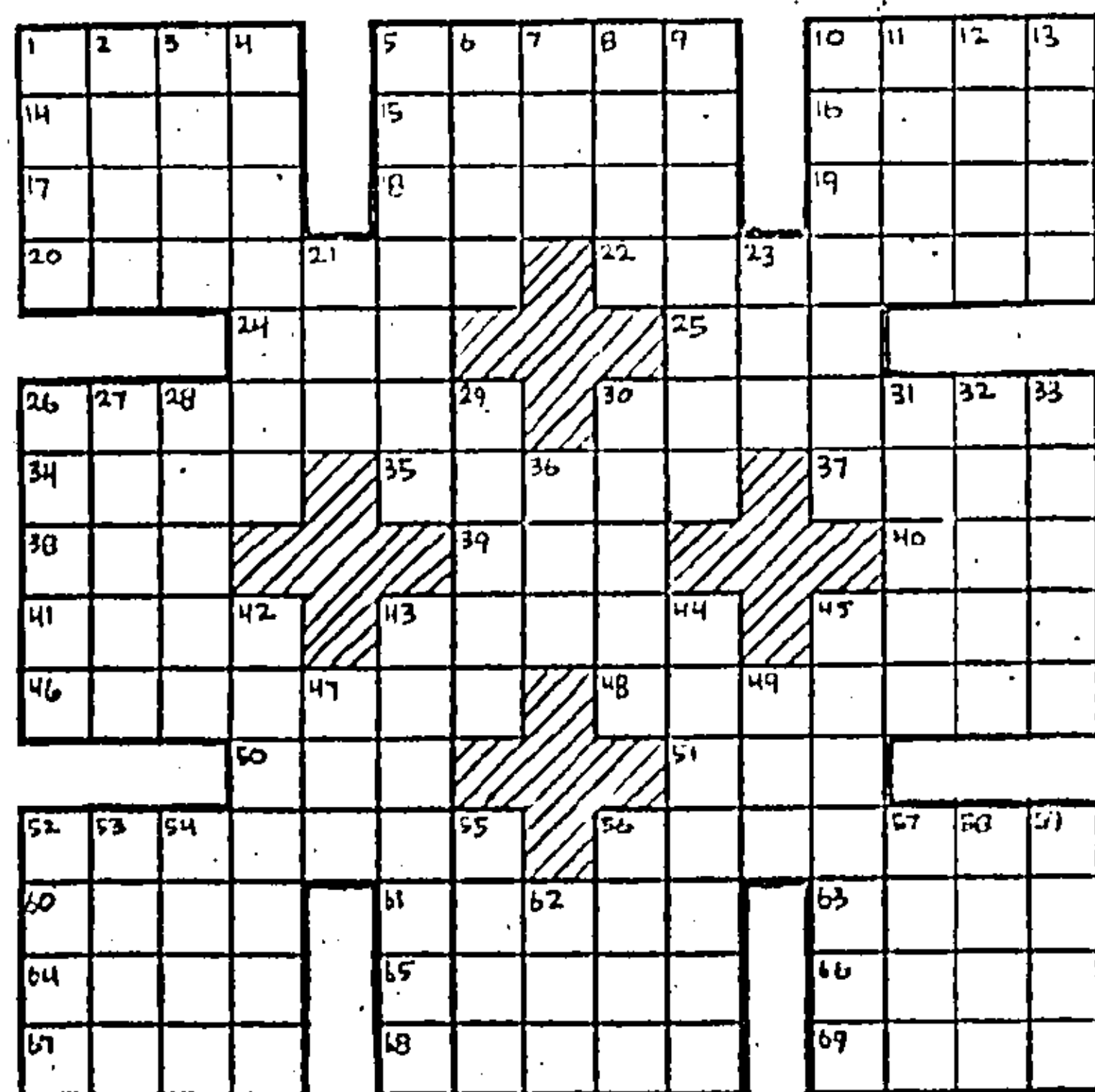
- 1—Without speech
- 2—Musical scale
- 3—Young cow
- 4—Grass of shrubs
- 5—Winged
- 6—Effective stroke (initial)
- 7—Turkistan tribe
- 8—Doctrine
- 9—Trench river
- 10—Indian hunting
- 11—Homestead
- 12—Female sheep
- 13—Wife
- 14—Those who frighten
- 15—Clutch
- 16—In this manner
- 17—Major seats
- 18—Word mentioned in Bible
- 19—Pole
- 20—Tree of tree
- 21—Hill
- 22—Biblical oracle
- 23—Maiden
- 24—Bird's tone
- 25—Short-term farmer
- 26—Period of ten years
- 27—Cut off
- 28—Baseball club
- 29—Advanced college
- 30—Allowance of food
- 31—Pertaining to ear
- 32—Walking sticks
- 33—Health notice

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

- 1—Circular plate
- 2—Western state
- 3—Hare
- 4—Injured by beating
- 5—Collect
- 6—Reverend
- 7—Human
- 8—Western Indians
- 9—To take
- 10—Least bit
- 11—Turkey
- 12—Against
- 13—Man's discourse
- 14—Necessary fear
- 15—Fruit of tree
- 16—Pace on horse
- 17—Duty
- 18—Taxation accounts
- 19—Pertaining to sun
- 20—Scurvy
- 21—Removed skin
- 22—Irregularly toothed
- 23—Lumpy knots
- 24—Heavy mist
- 25—Halls
- 26—Stripped again
- 27—Lowers
- 28—Yellow
- 29—That there
- 30—Earth
- 31—Hillman volcano
- 32—Unusual
- 33—Advice
- 34—Wood instrument
- 35—Number
- 36—Part of plant
- 37—Pencil not



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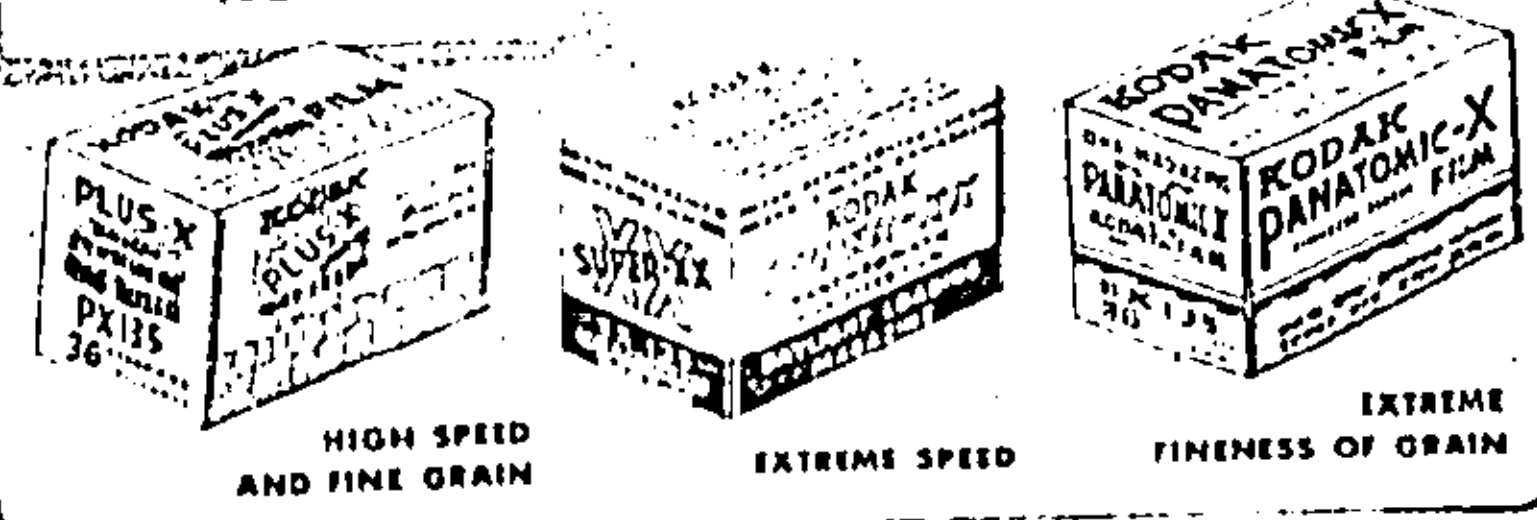
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FRANCE & THE BLOCKADE

ADMIRAL Darlan's demand that
French ships should be allowed free
passage through the blockade brings
the European food situation once
again into prominence. Mr Herbert
Hoover, former President of the
United States, predicted some months
ago, in fact before the winter set in,
that starvation faced those countries
now under German control, and urged
the world to take cognisance of the
fact that food supplies should be
allowed to enter those areas. He
apparently felt it to be hopeless to
ask Germany to release some of the
wheat she has stolen from France and
the blockade. He is even re-
ported to have stated that America
should, in return for her aid to
Britain, insist on the blockade being
lifted in so far food is concerned.
Fortunately, President Roosevelt has
been able to size up the situation
sufficiently well to urge caution on
the part of would-be philanthropists.
It is highly probable that the
blockade has weighed heavily on the
French habit of eating, but there is
a wide difference between what most
of the European people are now able
to obtain and starvation. Admiral
Darlan himself, though inferring that
the French people are nearing star-
vation because of the blockade, de-
clared it to be "ineffective." If this
is the case then Britain should not
be held responsible for any lack but
Germany, and the Vichy authorities
should turn to Berlin for redress
rather than accuse Britain's "ineffec-
tive weapon" of being the cause of
their sufferings. Vichy is clearly
following the line laid down by Dar-
lan for, as Mr Joseph C. Harsch, cur-
rently in the "Christian Science Moni-
tor" in Berlin, stated in a recent
article, "German authorities have
the effrontery to declare that the
British blockade is to blame. On
the contrary, the most qualified
neutral observers, with few excep-
tions, believe that Germany has with-
in its power to overcome famine any-
where within the occupied areas for
at least another year and possibly
another two years or even more."

Under the terms of the armistice,
Germany has apparently the power to
requisition all she requires. Britain
wants from France. Britain has
taken full advantage of this agree-
ment for not only in occupied France
where four-fifths of France's wheat
is grown, but in the unoccupied areas
she appears to be able to seize what
she desires. It has become known
that German agents, stationed at
Marseilles, commandeer the supplies
which arrive regularly from North
Africa—where, incidentally, the Ger-
man infiltration is already commen-
surate with the earlier infiltration
into Rumania and Bulgaria, thus
threatening the independence of
France's colonial Empire.

It is highly significant that France
has been made the focus in the food
problem, especially as the need in
Belgium and other occupied countries
is admittedly greater than in France,
and has been so for many months.
The cloven hoof in pushing Vichy
forward as the suppliant is clear.
Germany is not in the slightest degree
interested in the question of food
from a humanitarian point of view,
but is highly interested in the possi-
bility of the situation. By urging
Admiral Darlan to make his appeal,
attention is automatically drawn
away from Germany towards British
"cynicalness" in withholding food
supplies. Propaganda along this line
can have the double advantage of
swinging popular feeling in France
against Britain and of paving the way

What is Happiness Worth?

Extract (right) from a news-
paper report is the basis of
this article in which a famous
K.C. discusses the problems
raised.

The Lord Chancellor stated
during the appeal: "The thing
to be valued is not the prospect
of length of days, but the pros-
pect of a predominantly happy
life."

He added that the degree of
happiness to be obtained by a
human being did not depend on
wealth or status.

The appeal was allowed
and the order of Mr Justice
Asquith varied by reducing an
award of £1,200 to £200.

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THE question is certainly
unusual, and even a
trifle disconcerting. It has a
touch of the unanswerable
about it; yet somehow stays
for an answer. Quite re-
cently it has been fully con-
sidered in the House of
Lords, and an answer given
by the highest tribunal in
the land. Because of the
nature of the question and
the issues raised by the an-
swer, the decision has ex-
cited an interest rarely
shown in legal matters, and
extending far beyond legal
circles.

The reason is not far to
seek. Many legal questions
seem academic and remote
to ordinary people (though
in truth they are not), but
this question appeals to
them in the most vivid and
personal way. Indeed, quite
ordinary people who would
be afraid to discuss a legal
question, feel that they could
make some contribution to
the answer to this question
out of their human experi-
ence.

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THE philosopher, the moralist,
the essayist, the brooder over
human affairs—all alike feel
that in this matter they have
something to say. It is some-
how reminiscent of the old im-
portant question—"Is Life
worth living?"; and that song of

small boy, as the administrator
of the estate of his son, brought
an action against the driver of
the car which had caused the
accident, claiming damages for
his son's loss of expectation of
life.

When the case was heard be-
fore one of His Majesty's
judges at Winchester Assizes
the only question left for de-
cision was the amount of damages.
The very great difficulty of as-
sessing the amount in such cases
had long been recognised, and
after hearing argument, the
learned judge awarded £1,200.

This award was reviewed in
the Court of Appeal, but was
not disturbed, and in due course
the question came to the House
of Lords. After full and elab-
orate argument the House of
Lords decided that the proper
figure for this particular case
was £200.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE IT'S AN ARMY WAY WE HAVE

HE was a lean, narrow man go home"
with a face which might war's over they won't see my
have been pressed between two pants for dust"
boards; and his name was Pynn. sort of thing.
He had been a fireman before
the Army claimed him. Now,
the firefighters wanted him
back; and there he was, between
back to everyday life, they're
two fires as it were; not at all
sure that he wanted to go.
"I" he said, "am going back
to Civvy Street pretty soon life
now." He sighed very deeply.
"You don't sound pleased
about it."

"I don't know whether I'm
pleased or sorry," said Pynn.
"That's how it is. When I was
in Civvy Street I longed for the
Army. Then, when I came here
I longed for Civvy Street."
Meat And Drink
"It's like that, this Army.
Soldiers are like fishermen...
they curse their business, and
bless it, all in the same breath.
I know. I'm the Company
Clerk."

"I've heard soldiers talking—
men, N.C.O.s, every kind of sol-
dier—and to hear them you'd
think they were on the verge of
mutiny all the time...
"Fed up with the sight of
khaki" ... "Browned off with
ruddy Bren guns" ... "Living
only for the moment when I can

towards closer co-operation between
Germany and leading to eventual
control of the French Fleet. Ad-
miral Darlan's threat that the French
navy would be employed to escort
their supply ships through the block-
ade was an indication of the line
Germany wishes him to adopt.

An Acquired Taste

"The army is one of those acquired
tastes, like smoking. It makes you
sick at first. Then you feel you can't
get on without it."
"I remember when I first joined,
and began to get my first clusings on
the square—well, I felt I wanted to
die."

"And then, when I'd finished my
first eight or nine weeks, and passed
out and got ready to come to the
Battalion, I noticed a strange thing.
"I was half sorry to leave the bar-
racks!"
"If, by any chance, I'd been kept
back there, I'd have been going about
with a face as long as a fiddle. Yet
I was browned off—which means Fed
Up—at the thought of going."
"And here I am, due to go for
good, and actually feeling pretty sick
about it!"

Epilogue

At this point, a corporal put his
head in at the door and said—
"What kind of a lousy place is this,
where a man can't get a bit of four-
by-two without signing a ruddy con-
tract and doing a whole song and
dance about it?"
"Am I expected to go on my bend-
ed ruddy knees for a rotten little bit
of regulation flannellette?"
"All right! I'm through. I'm
browned off! For all I care, there
can be ruddy spiders in my rifle."
"What did I tell you?" said Pynn,
sighing again.

WHICH would be the more precious, if the choice had to be made—the
prospect of a long life or the prospect of a happy one?
This was the question seven Law Lords had to answer yesterday.
when considering an appeal from an award made in respect of a 21-year-old
boy killed in a car accident.
"I am of opinion" said Lord Almon, the Lord Chancellor, "that the right con-
clusion is not to be reached
by applying what is called
the statistical or actuarial
test."

other days creeps into the
mind—

"Is Life a Boon?
If so, it must befall
That Death, whenever he call
Must call too soon."

But the immediate interest of
the question is that on Decem-
ber 16 it was raised in the House
of Lords as a legal question
which required to be answered:
and the answer then given is
binding on all other courts.
The circumstances in which
the question arose can be short-
ly stated. On June 1, 1938, the
driver of a motor-car was at-
tempting to pass another car on
the road, when he caused the
other car to overturn. A small
boy, aged 21½ years, who was a
passenger in the other car, was
so seriously injured that he died
the same day. The father of the

THIS decision of the highest
court of the land is full of
fascination to the student of hu-
man affairs. For the question,
it appears, ought really to be
framed in this way—"What is
the sum which ought to be paid
for the loss of a measure of
prospective happiness?" In that
form it seems less like a legal
question than ever. But that is
the question which the Courts of
Law must henceforth examine in
all such cases. The individual
life must be examined on this
basis: when all relevant matters
have been considered, was the
individual likely to have had a
life which contained a positive
measure of happiness.

But how is that to be decided,
and what are the tests for a posi-
tive measure of happiness, and

By Norman Birkett, K.C.

what guidance in these deep
matters can be given? The
House of Lords did not quail be-
fore these searching questions,
and laid down the proper method
of approach to the essential prob-
lem.

In doing so, the great authori-
ty of the House of Lords was
given to much that the genera-
tions of men have learnt at in-
finite cost. Mere length of life
was not to be regarded as the
most important feature, nor the
mere possession of worldly
goods, nor indeed the mere fact
of high rank or station. These,
of themselves, are not the things
out of which the happy life
comes.

Yet, oddly enough, they are
still the things for which most
people sigh when they think
over human affairs, almost un-
consciously repeating "Length
of days is in her right hand; and
in her left hand, riches and
honour."

BUT the House of Lords in this
great matter is on the side
of the philosophers, the thinkers
and the poets. Dekker would
have respectfully concurred, for
some three hundred and fifty
years ago, he recorded his view
as follows:

"Art thou poor, yet hast thou
golden slumbers?
O Sweet Content!
Art thou rich, yet is thy mind
perplexed?
O Punishment!"

and Sir Henry Wotton would be
gratified to find his noble lines
on "The character of a Happy
Life" so completely endorsed.

It is further to be observed
that in estimating the measure
of prospective happiness of the
individual life, the heights and
the depths are to be taken into

account, "the pains and
sorrows as well as the
joys and pleasures," and a
just accounting made.

What a fascinating and mov-
ing world of inquiry is there
opened! For where does true
happiness reside, and on what
does it depend? Are there de-
grees of happiness, or is there
a distinction in quality? Did
the great man among the heights
and pinnacles really sigh for our
rude huts before he died? Or
did he find his true life among
books, journeying with the brave
and wise spirits of all ages, and
tasting a world of infinite hap-
piness in that great company?

Did he find life sweet because
of day and night, sun, moon and
stars, and "likewise there's a
wind on the heath"? Or was
he just the happy-go-lucky ad-
venturer, not reflecting too deep-
ly; content with the smaller ex-
periences, and not tempting the
deeper raptures? So the ques-
tions crowd upon one another,
and in the background the
scarcely formulated question
whether or not all happiness
hangs by a thread!

It becomes increasingly plain
that precise and accurate mea-
surement of happiness is beyond
attainment: indeed, it may be
said that to try and assess a
measure of happiness in terms
of money is to attempt the im-
possible. For some will say
that the thing called happiness
depends upon a thousand fac-
tors, and some will say, para-
doxically enough, that in the last
analysis it depends upon one
only.

But henceforward, the Courts
of Law must attempt the just
appraisal of this loss of hap-
piness in terms of money. When
considering the amount to be
awarded in the case of the young
child, will it be possible to
speculate upon the kind of world
into which the child would have
grown up?

★
WOULD it have been a world
made secure against the in-
trusion of war, or would a mea-
sure of happiness still be liable
to vanish in a night? Would

it have been that world, for
which so many have lived and
died, where inequalities and in-
justices no longer have power to
have respectably concurred, for
some three hundred and fifty
years ago, he recorded his view
as follows:

In short, would it have been
a world where the plant of hap-
piness could reasonably expect
to grow and flourish?

And, upon reflection, it may
very well be that the greatest
service which the House of Lords
has rendered in considering this
question is not in the legal
sphere only. Even in time of
war the minds of men have been
drawn to consider the ultimate
things which concern the hap-
piness of men, women and
children, and indeed the hap-
piness of all mankind.

Australia Can Supply Eastern Air Needs

COMPETENT critics deny that the Beaufort bomber will
be a museum piece before it is in full production in Australia.
On the contrary, they assert that it is still being produced in
Britain, and if the war lasted another four or five years it would
still be a useful service machine.

Aviation experts are naturally reluctant to express criticism
of Australia's choice of the Beaufort for local production. They
say that the whole range of various types of aircraft was con-
sidered, and that it is like being wise after the event to say now
that the Beaufort might not have been selected if anyone was
aware that the war would break out in 1939.

Moreover, it is stated, Aus-
tralia can give valuable help by
supplying Air Force needs in the
Middle East or other nearer
theatres of war.

The trade, journal, Aeroplane, says
that within a year production of all
types of aircraft in Australia should
be more than 100 machines a month.
Production of Wirraways exceeds the
guaranteed 150 a year, and produc-
tion of training types exceeds two
daily.

First in April

The first Australian-built Beau-
fort should be in the air by next
month or April, and it is also ex-
pected that an Australian-designed
wooden bomber will be flying by
the end of 1941.

Experts cannot confirm these
figures, and point out that it is for
the Australian Government to make
any wartime disclosures about types
or output.

They believe that production of
an all-metal improvement on the
Beaufort would not involve insur-
perable factory changes.

Chinese Check Advance Along Kiangsi Front

CHUNGKING, Mar. 21 (Central News).—Fighting in northern Kiangsi continues unabated, but the Japanese advance is being steadily checked.

As the result of a vigorous Chinese counter-attack launched on March 18, the main Japanese force attacking Kiangsi has been dispersed.

Besides recovering Chengchienkai, a strategic point north of Kiangsi, the Chinese also inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese who are now retreating towards Wuching.

The Japanese detachment which pushed towards Hwefu west of Kiangsi on the morning of March 19 has been intercepted by the Chinese and is being engaged in severe fighting.

Japanese operating on the southern bank of the Chiu River have been increased to more than 3,000 and are continuing their attacks on Tacheng, an important city on the northern bank of the Kiang River, west of Fengcheng.

Heavy fighting has been proceeding in the vicinity of the city since the night of March 19 but the Chinese are valiantly holding out against the Japanese assaults.

Aerial Reconnaissance

KIAN, Mar. 21 (Central News).—Four Japanese planes yesterday morning raided Nanchang, 90 miles south-east of Nanchang. Several bombs were dropped demolishing one house, but no other damage was caused.

Two other Japanese planes reconnoitred over Kiangsi but dropped no bombs.

Cities Strafed

CHUNGKING, Mar. 21 (Central News).—Liangshui, Fushan and Szechuan cities in north-eastern Szechuan north of Chungking, yesterday were raided by 12 Japanese planes flying from bases in Hupien. Little damage was caused as the raiders dropped no bombs but only strafed the cities with machine-guns. They were driven off by Chinese anti-aircraft fire.

Budget

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill told the House of Commons to-day that the budget will be introduced in the House before Easter.

Southern Thrust Into Abyssinia Opens Roads

NAIROBI, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Yavello, in southern Abyssinia, has been taken by regular troops according to to-day's official communiqué which adds that operations are progressing in the Neghelli area.

British patrols contacted the enemy in the difficult mountainous country surrounding Marda Pass, eight miles west of Jijiga, the capture of which, says the communiqué, was not difficult.

Some prisoners were taken with the town.

"By the capture of this important centre, new routes have been opened up running east to Berbera and west to Dire Dawa, where the road meets the through railway from Djibuti," says the communiqué.

Refuse Dump Explodes

At Dynamite Factory

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—An explosion to-day at the dynamite factory at Kenil, New Jersey, of the Hercules Powder Factory rocked the country for miles around.

Despite the violence of the explosion, which occurred in the refuse dump, nobody was injured and no damage was done.

About 50 people were killed and 200 injured by a series of explosions that wrecked part of this factory on September 12 last.

U.S. Aviation Spirit For Japan

Question For Commons

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Central News).—Mr. Garro Jones, Labour M.P., is addressing an inquiry to the Minister of Economic Warfare as to whether he is aware that Japan in August 1940 imported American petrol sevenfold more in quantity than she did in the same month in 1939, and that extraction of aviation spirits from the import tended to defeat the American ban on the export of octane fuel to Japan.

Mr. Jones asks whether the Minister of Economic Warfare has taken action or made representations to Washington on the matter.

S'hai Plea To Chinese Communists

CHUNGKING, Mar. 19 (Central News).—Stressing that it is imperative to have unity of command and integrity of political administration, especially in times of war, the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, in a telegram yesterday to the Communist members of the People's Political Council, warned them of the dangers of internal dissension in face of the enemy and appealed to them to fulfil the pledge made by the Communist Party in 1937 to support the National United Front against Japanese invasion.

Criticising the subversive activities of the New Fourth Army, the telegram said that the Government's order for the disarmament of the Army was justified, adding that some quarters even regretted that the disarmament was not ordered earlier.

The Chamber also took exception to the attitude of the Communist members to the People's Political Council. If they have any grievances, the message said, they should present them to the Council for consideration and it does not become them to take a hostile stand if their demands are not complied with.

In the interests of the nation and the cause of the war of resistance, the Shanghai business men urged the Communist leaders to continue to strive under one unified government and one unified command.

DUTCH ARMS GROWING In Three Services

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—A large number of pilots are being trained in the Netherlands Indies for duties in Europe, states Colonel Dijkshoorn, Defence Minister, in an interview in "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London.

He also states that a number of Dutch pilots are now being trained in the R.A.F. for fighter machines and that Holland hopes to have her own fighter squadrons in the R.A.F.

British instructors, he adds, have been greatly impressed by Dutch aviators.

The Dutch army is growing in strength and equipment and new and extremely important material for the Navy is being put into service.

FIRE WATCHERS Save Britain Millions

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Thousands of lives and millions of pounds worth of national assets vital to the war effort have been saved by the Firewatchers' Scheme, states Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, in a foreword to a new memorandum on the fire prevention order issued by the Ministry of Home Security.

The new memorandum was issued following consultations with the British Employers' Federation and the T.U.C. which are stated to have cleared up a certain misunderstanding which interfered with the effectiveness of the order.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Shanghai	440
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	45 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. France	—
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/8 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	—
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

ALBANIA Enemy Tanks Held With Steady Fire

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The failure of another Italian attempt to break the Greek lines in the centre of the Albanian front is related in a Greek Press Ministry statement broadcast by the Athens radio.

The assault, which took the form of a tank attack, is described as being of an intensity equal to those of last week, though it was local and of limited scope.

The tanks were intended to open the way for Italian infantry but the Greek forces stood up to this mechanised assault with the same cool determination as that which characterised their victorious resistance to the violent attacks of last week, says the statement.

Anti-Tank Fire

Greek anti-tank batteries opened an intense and rapid fire. After the first few rounds, one tank received a direct hit which broke its chain and caused it to over-turn. A few seconds later, a second tank was shattered by another direct hit and a third tank soon shared the same fate.

Thereupon the remaining tanks turned and retreated at full speed, leaving a mass of Italian infantry exposed to the concentrated fire of the Greek artillery and the crossfire of the Greek machine-guns.

The Italian troops bravely advanced in waves but were mown down in mass and the field was strewn with dead, the enemy's losses being terrific.

All-Out Aid For China Pertinent Question

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Mr. Robert Morgan, in the House of Commons to-day asked whether the Government associates itself with President Roosevelt's declaration in favour of all-out aid for China as far as we can render it at present.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Government noted with sympathy and interest President Roosevelt's statement regarding China. It was the Government's policy to maintain the closest contact with the United States Government.

Lost and Stolen

A number of tickets in the Bomber Raffle were among articles stolen yesterday from the residence of Mr. Lachmandas Lilaram, 27 Kimberley Road.

Mr. Lilaram told Police that his flat was entered sometime between 4.30 and 7.20 p.m. yesterday. Besides the raffle tickets, he has lost his British passport and entry permits to Japan and Saigon.

DRIFTER BRINGS BOMBER DOWN

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The Admiralty records that a German dive-bomber was destroyed this afternoon by the drifter Young Mun (Skipper G. B. Buchan, R.N.R.) and the yacht Chico (Lieutenant J. Mason, R.N.V.R.).

The German bomber made a dive attack on the ships. The gunner of the Young Mun continued to fire his Lewis gun into the enemy until the dive-bomber was within 50 feet.

The dive-bomber was hit and, out of control, was unable to check its dive. It carried away the mizzen mast of the Young Mun and disintegrated alongside the ship.

Naval Funeral This Morning

The funeral took place this morning at the Protestant cemetery of A. B. Douglas, Thomas Thorburn, aged 26, a member of a British naval ship now in port.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, chaplain of the Sailors and Soldiers Home.

The Commemorative was represented by an officer of the Royal Navy. Decayed was accorded full naval honours, a firing party being present at the graveside, while a bugler sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

Churchill Chuckles Soothe MP's

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—In typically Churchillian manner, the Prime Minister to-day personally intervened to settle a dispute of a constitutional character which was recently conducted with unparliamentary conduct by the political purists of the Left Wing.

The sore point was the action of the B.B.C. in banning a number of artists who attended a recent conference styled, "People's Convention," attended by a large number of Communists.

The ground for the action was that the public would resent the inclusion of artists who attended the gathering at which it was alleged that some subversive speeches were made.

Ban Removed

As a result of the outcry, Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, the Minister of Information, recently induced the B.B.C. to modify the ban and to-day, Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons, announced that the ban was removed.

Among a long reply to questions were the following:

The connection between musical and dramatic performances and political acts and opinions is not apparent.

Anything in the nature of persecution, victimisation and man-hunting is obnoxious to the British people.

With a twinkle in his eye, the Premier said: "We should have to protect a certain amount of power of censorship of music. A very spirited rendering of 'Deutschland Über Alles' would hardly be allowed (Laughter). On the other hand, I see no reason to suppose that the holding of pacifist views would make a musician play flat." (Laughter).

N. CHINA CIVIL SECURITY Troop Withdrawals

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PEKING, Mar. 20 (Domel).—Marking the first anniversary of its inauguration, the North China Political Affairs Commission on March 30 is launching a North China Public Security Movement under a general mobilisation of local political and military agents.

Mr. Wang T-tang, Chairman of the Commission, announced that the programme for securing public peace and order will last for a month. The proclamation urges one hundred million people of North China to secure peace and order on their own resources without relying upon the friendly Japanese forces.

The movement is aimed at enlarging and strengthening the vigilance organisation of rural communities, reinforcing popular organisations and eradicating subversive elements to public peace.

Example of Nazi-American Tension

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—A clear indication of the present state of German-American relations is considered here to be given by the fact, learned to-day, that the German Embassy in Washington recently sent a circular to all consuls and other officials throughout the country asking for information that would be needed in the event of severance of diplomatic relations with the United States.

It is believed that the circular emphasises that there was no present intention of breaking off relations, but the information was required so that shipping space and other formalities could be arranged should the break occur.

MADRAS, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—News has been received that the first batch of "Devin boys" has reached England for training in factories. A second batch is almost ready to proceed.

"BRACKEN" a new SHIRT

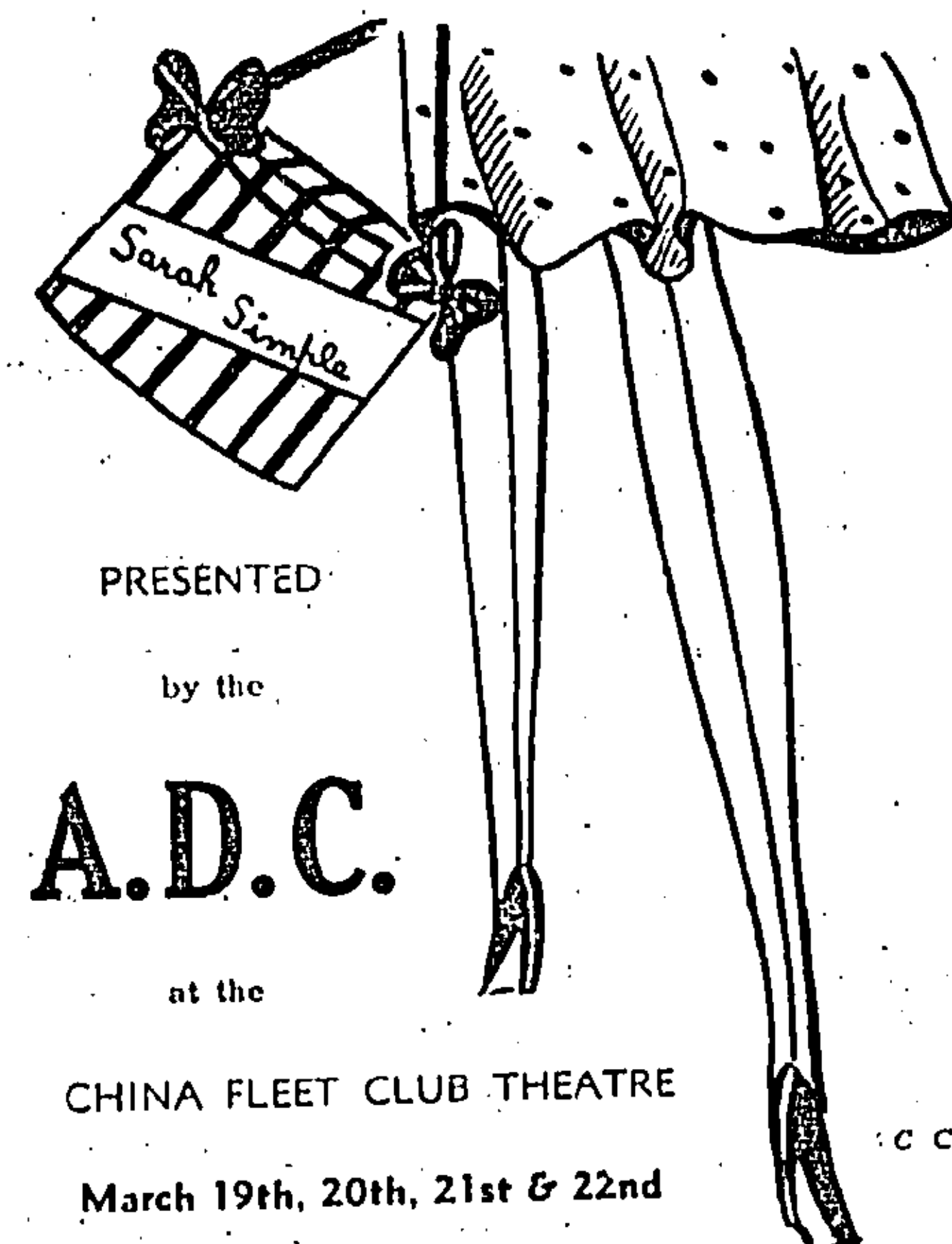


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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Fanling's Final Steeple-chase Meeting

First Extra Meeting At Happy Valley So Nice Shows Improvement

THERE IS A SAGE PARADOX that means are trumps when Saturday breaks wet, but where did the men of the turf go last Saturday when the First Extra Race Meeting was postponed. Let us all hope that there will be no further postponement, for judging from the atmospheric conditions it looks that we shall see blue skies to-morrow.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club House at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting, Saturday, 29th March, 1941.

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 p.m. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

NEXT CHANGE AT THE KING'S

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There were some fine gallops at the racecourse last Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. I do not, however, expect to see three figures dividend to-morrow afternoon, but one can never tell with four postponements.

Benefit to Someone

WHILE on the subject, it has done a world of good to So Nice, a China pony griffin owned by Mr F. A. Sutton (known in North China as "one arm Sutton"), and the bay mare with Mr S. W. Tang is definitely a starter in the Lotteries Stakes over six furlongs.

I was impressed with the gallop of So Nice over a mile last Tuesday when she covered the circuit in 2.14 romping home in 30 seconds dead for the last quarter and the mare was not all out.

How good Mr Sutton's candidate will be against Charlesher or Wonderful Scheme, I am not in a position to say at this juncture, but the point I wish to stress is that the postponement has given ample time to tune the mare and she is worth following.

Melbourne Cup Starters

FOLLOWING is a list of probable starters for the classic event, Melbourne Cup, over two miles:

Australian Diamond	Chang
Baffin Bay	Needa
Brutus	Trevorton
Coloona	Bottelton
Endeavour	Wei
Far View	Pih
First Love	Liang
March Warbler	Davis
Peculiarly Jim	Chao
Triumphant Day	Hearne
Viceroy	Black

Kowloon Marathon Postponed

The annual Kowloon marathon race, organized by St. Andrew's Club, has been postponed from this afternoon to Friday next, March 28.

Up to yesterday only ten entries had been received, and it is hoped that the extension of time will bring more. Closing date for entries is now Tuesday, March 25, and those competitors who have already entered are requested to re-affirm their intention of running in the re-arranged race.

Entries will be received by Mr V. R. J. Merrett, c/o S.C.E. Department, H. M. Naval Dockyard.

Grand Nationals For Australian And China Ponies: Extra Train Accommodation For Punters

CAPT. FOSTER sees with delight the increase of stake money for the lower positions in the two main events, namely the Fanling Grand National confined to China ponies, and the Australian Grand National for Australian ponies.

The above two races are the major steeplechasing contests of the last meet under the auspices of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to be held at Kwanti on Sunday, and there are in addition four handicap flat events.

For the convenience of racing public, there will be the usual express train leaving Kowloon at 1.08 p.m. and returning from Fanling at 6.41 p.m. The first class return fare of \$2 includes admission to the racecourse.

I remember writing in these columns as to the inadequate supply of carriages provided on the return trip from Fanling at the opening meet on Boxing Day, and I was more than glad that the hint was duly noted. On behalf of racegoers I must tender our best thanks to the Kowloon Canton Railway for the "extra express train" at the February meeting, and there was certainly plenty room to stretch one's tired legs on the return trip.

I was also glad that the starting of races at Kwanti showed something better than in the past and the "white flag" came into use for the first time at the February meeting.

Rules of Starting

It may be of interest to know what is the use of a white flag. I will, however, cite the two important rules:

(i) The starter shall give all orders necessary for securing a fair start. The horses must be started, as far as possible, in a line, but they may be started at such reasonable distance behind the starting post as the Starter thinks necessary. After the Starter has called over the names of the runners, and has assigned the horses the places drawn by lot, he shall give orders for a white flag to be raised.

(ii) Should the Starter consider that through any cause arising prior to the raising of the white flag, any horse is unable to start, he shall at once notify the Clerk of the Scales that the horse has not come under his orders.

The latter means that a horse has been withdrawn and your \$5 is refunded.

Attention of owners is drawn to the fact that starters for the first race must be declared on the forms provided in the Weighing Room before two o'clock, and for all subsequent races 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

Jockeys must provide their own whips, which must be of a type approved by the Hongkong Jockey Club. The Fanling Club will provide spurs, which also meet the Hongkong Jockey Club's requirements.

I would like to mention that at the last meeting a pony was refused permission to weigh out owing to late declaration. A jockey's attention was drawn to the use of a wrong type of whip with the result that he went to the post without a cane.

Selections For Sunday

MY SELECTIONS for the first five events are:

SHAMROCK HANDICAP
A Good Time
Dick Turpin
Schmetterling
DUBLIN HANDICAP
National Success
Lancashire Chap
Palmer
FANLING GRAND NATIONAL
Viceroy

March Brown
Jack O'Lantern
HUNTERS' CUP
Royal Wedding Eve
King's Worthly
Royal Highness
AUSTRALIAN GRAND NATIONAL
Brutus
Sea Urelin
Glorious Star

Australian Grand National

Brutus Probable Favourite For Two Mile Test

ONE OF THE EVENTS which every owner would like to annex on Sunday is the Australian Grand National Steeplechase, because the winner is to receive, in addition to the stake money of \$150, a cup presented by His Excellency the Governor.

The terrible test is a handicap chase for Australian ponies over two miles with the post of honour on Brutus, who has been set to carry 12 st.

I am afraid the postponement of the First Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club may deprive the racing public from seeing Brutus in action at Kwanti owing to the fact that Mr Trevorton's "Bullant" chaser has an engagement in the Melbourne Cup.

If the Private Secretary intends to have a go at the Governor's Cup, Brutus will then be entrained for Fanling on Saturday with a non-appearance in the classic at Happy Valley. This bay by Morang has two jumping classics to his credit, the Fanling Blue Ribbons of 1937 and 1938, but last year Brutus with the Irish owner in the saddle misjudged in taking off the Lou's fence and the combination came to grief on the landing stage.

However they had a successful "dress rehearsal" in the Queensland Steeplechase Handicap at the February meeting, and I cannot, therefore, see anything to lick the horse from the Government House.

In his absence my next best is Sea Urelin and Glorious Star, the winner of last year's Grand National.

Tournament Tennis

Pagh-Umetani Singles Match Unfinished

BASELINE DUELS of quite some length were the feature of the unfinished tennis singles match between M. Pagh and O. Umetani in the Open Championships at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday. Scores when the match was abandoned were Umetani 6-4, Pagh 8-6.

Only one other match was played, the Romjahn cousins—H.D. & S.A.—beating Kenneth Lo and Lee Wing 6-1, 6-3.

The greater interest was shown in the Pagh-Umetani match. Umetani was excellent on the few occasions he advanced to the net, and took his points with fine volleys. In this department and in his service, Pagh showed considerable weakness, but, surprisingly, Umetani chose to play Pagh at his own game—from the baseline.

Results were: Pagh consequently, were quite long. Umetani exploited a heavily sliced backhand, but in this Pagh was the superior, for in the second set it was on this hand that Pagh was most steady and gained most points.

Dublin H'cap

Poor Entries Palmer and Lancashire Chap Most Dangerous

THE DUBLIN HANDICAP was originally intended to be divided into two sections for "E" class China ponies, but this had to be cancelled in view of the poor entries. There are 13 entries, and in order not to disappoint the owners, the Stewards have provided a consolation event barring the winner of this race.

We should see a fine scramble over six furlongs, and I fancy National Success. Ascol Vale heads the list of handicaps but I doubt if the blackie is sound.

The two most dangerous are Lancashire Chap and Palmer. In 1934 Zero was nominated for the Hongkong Derby, but the mare's blood has lately been so much freed that there is hardly any speed left in the racer, and the trip over six furlongs is too long.

Choy And Low Win Badminton Doubles Match

K. W. CHOY, Malayan champion, and K. B. Low were the main attraction at the Talkoo Recreation Club last night when further matches in the Colony Badminton Championships were played. They met and beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves 15-1, 15-10.

Other results were:
JUNIOR SINGLES
E. Zimmerman beat J. Hooi 15-5, 7-15, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES
M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva beat D. Kwok and Mrs P. Wilson 14-17, 15-12, 15-10.

K. W. Choy and Mrs A. E. Castro beat S. Amphyavar and Miss T. Goncalves 15-9, 15-5.

IN BOTH his matches, the senior doubles and the mixed doubles, Choy was the outstanding player on the court. His angle shots and accuracy were astonishing, while his smashes were most powerful. In his men's doubles, he received great support from Low, who, at the net, brought off some very neat angled shots.

Remedios and Goncalves were often caught standing in the first game, though they improved considerably in the second. Remedios took several points with his powerful smash down the sidelines. In combination, too, they improved in the second game, when Goncalves' anticipation was one of the features of the match.

Close Game
As the scores indicate, the mixed doubles game between Oliveira and Miss Silva and Kwok and Mrs Wilson was very close. Many of the points, however, were gained through errors. Oliveira was the usual bundle of energy, and in this considerably off-set the advantage Kwok had in his more accurate placements. The first game was settled three at 14-all, and the final game five at 13-all.

Club Handicap Singles—G. Stirling Lee received walk-over from E. H. Hall, 11, 6-4. Knight beat A. C. I. Bowler 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

To-day's Programme

OPEN DOUBLES
The following is the programme of matches in the Open Tennis Championships next week:
Wei Chung and S. T. Chau
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v. R. E. Guest and D. C. Fay
B. O'M. Denne and A. T. Dow v. W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell.

Fanling Grand National

Stamina Contest For China Ponies Over 1 3/4 Miles

THE FANLING GRAND NATIONAL bracketed with Pierce Grove Memorial Cup (a handicap steeplechase) is going to celebrate its 16th run on Sunday, and it is one of the greatest strain and stamina contests for China ponies over 1 3/4 miles.

Shamrock H'cap

A Good Time's Debut On Country Course

THERE HAS BEEN a reshuffle in the order of running the events, and I understand the Shamrock Handicap, a flat race for "D" class Australian ponies, is the first item on the card. The sprint is over seven furlongs.

A Good Time has never been on a country course and the mare by Seabound has been penalised 10 lb. for a third place behind Longdon (winner) and Roofly in the Adelaide Handicap at Happy Valley.

It was her first and only placing, but I have confidence in A Good Time to win on Sunday.

More at Home
THE form book shows that Dick Turpin has no relish for Happy Valley, but in the country at Kwanti, Mr Potts' candidate is a hot stuff. Dick Turpin ran second to Schmetterling in the Kwanti Handicap, and he should be dangerous in view of the readjustment of 5 lb. of lead in his favour.

Schmetterling, by the way, likes the open course, but I am afraid that the extra poundage may hinder his chances of collecting the first prize.

Violet Queen has not been seen on the cinder track during the early mornings and that is all I know about the mare. However, she was a dainty sprinter in her prime of 1936 class and I would recommend her for big money.

Consolation Cup

Handicap Event For Non-winners

THE LAST EVENT, Dublin Consolation Cup, is for those "E" class China ponies that have started in the Dublin Handicap with a ban on the winner. The second and third placed ponies are to be penalised 5 lb. and 3 lb. respectively and the "tipping" must be left to readers' discretion.

For calculating weight in England, a length equals to 3 lb. with a neck being equivalent to 2 lb. and a head is allowed 1 lb. This scale should be useful to assist punters in spotting the winner.

Despite the war, a good field is expected, but Clowner, the winner of last season's Blue Riband, is not among the list of entries.

The absence of Mr Whittaker's candidate has no doubt removed the best challenger, and it looks to me that Viber will not encounter much opposition.

With due respect to either Double Chance, Jack O'Lantern or March Brown's capability as chasers, I am of the frank opinion that Viber is a hard nut to crack.

The style, in which he won the Shataukok Hurdle at the last meeting, was like a tiger over the sticks in a circus show, and he certainly does not lose any ground at the hurdles. I admit that Viber has not as yet given us a public performance over the fences, but that is a secondary matter.

Since the inception of this classic there have been only three owners, namely, W. T. Stanton, L. Reidy and Lt-Col H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., who have won more than once, and in the contest's 16 years' history, Easter Day, As You Like It, Christmas Frolic, Pride of Talingao and Ebony Idol had consecutive successes. However, March Brown and Jack O'Lantern should fill the lower positions in the frame. Chubby Number is a new comer and so is Ploughboy.

Hunter's Cup

Special Dollar Cash Sweep

THE HUNTERS' CUP, a handicap flat for "D" class China ponies, is a short run over seven furlongs, but it will be the event of the afternoon on account of a special dollar cash sweep being conducted on the race.

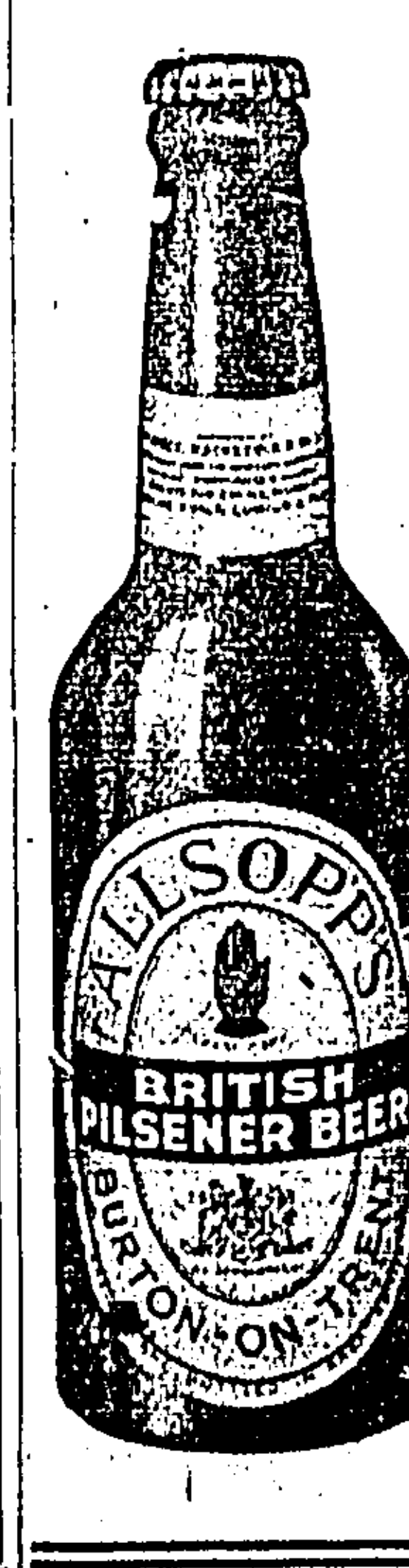
Royal Wedding Eve should have "an easy walk" with King's Worthly and Royal Highness fighting hard to trail her.

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Expert Says Invasion Is A Bluff To Tie Up Army

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—In the opinion of Colonel Klean writing for a Swedish newspaper, the Axis must win a decisive victory this year or the Allies will become too strong for her. To win Germany must attempt an invasion or rely on blockade.

An invasion necessitates control of the immediate waters, security against the enemy air force and the breaking down of shore defences.

Since none of these conditions exists the invasion will probably remain a threat binding the British forces to the British Isles.

It remains for Germany to win by blockade. She has better submarine bases now but anti-submarine weapons are also improved. America has already transferred 50 destroyers to Britain and she still has 211 against Japan's 83, leaving 100 more U.S. destroyers which can be transferred to the Atlantic to operate against German submarines either by direct intervention or by transfer to Britain.

In addition, mosquito boats can be produced in large numbers and there is a considerable amount of shipping frozen in American waters which can be transferred to Britain.

Finally, British bombers operating against submarines in their bases and at sea are causing severe losses. The technical possibilities exist for fighting submarines if they can be brought into use quickly enough.

On Britain's Beaches
(BY "REUTERS" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Mar. 20.—Lighting up Britain's southern shores from the beaches with lights searching far out to sea would have quickly exposed a Nazi invasion had it followed the heavy raid on London during Wednesday night.

Under the pale light of a half-moon, I watched from a coastal battery's observation post near the foreshore. The crews of searchlights, guns and "other devices" which the British Army now possesses turned out for a practice alarm call. It took them just 30 seconds to reach their posts.

Their job was to spot the invasion.

KING ON BOARD NEW WARSHIP

Tours Plymouth With Queen

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The King was piloted aboard one of the American destroyers taken over by Britain when he visited Devonport yesterday.

It was the first time that the King had been aboard one of these warships and as an old naval officer, he was very interested in her equipment and armament.

This destroyer is manned entirely by Canadians.

The King inspected the ship's company, drawn up on deck, and later he was received aboard the flotilla leader by the Captain and inspected officers and ratings who, a few hours before, had been at action stations ready to engage any enemy ship.

A Decoration

On the quayside the King decorated a Polish naval officer, Captain Hulewicz, with the D.S.O. amid the cheers of British, Free French and Polish officers and ratings.

Meanwhile the Queen chatted with wounded officers and sailors at the Naval Hospital.

Escorted by Lady Astor, deputising for her husband, the Lord Mayor, who is ill with influenza, the King and Queen toured the bombed areas of Plymouth.

Dutch Lose A Freighter

BATAVIA, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The Navy Department of the Netherlands East Indies reported to-night that the Dutch freighter, Simuloe, of 6,500 tons, must be considered lost after an air attack in the Atlantic at the beginning of March.

It is believed that of the crew of 71 only two are missing; they are Chinese firemen.

Women Say Red Tape Is Holding Up War Work

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The House of Commons today had an "All-Woman Day." Seven out of ten of the M.P.'s joined forces for the first time to present the case of the women of Britain to the Government—and they did so with feminine forcefulness.

The debate was on the organization of woman-power and the theme of most of the speeches was that women were anxious to take up war work but were prevented by rules and regulations which discouraged them.

Much good humour enlivened the proceedings.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Mr. R. Aschton, admitted that if the Government failed to attract as many men as were needed, it could only be because it approached them in the wrong way. If compulsory powers had to be used, it would be in an almost negligible number of cases.

Only three men participated in the debate and at the conclusion, Sir John Anderson, Lord President of the Council, in winding up, apologised as a man for his intervention on the ground that "fools rush in where angels 'cease to tread."

U. S. ALIENS IN BRITAIN

—Treatment

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Cheers greeted the ministerial announcement in the House of Commons to-day that the utmost liberal policy would henceforth be followed in granting exemption from alien restrictions to United States citizens.

The Home Secretary (Mr. Herbert Morrison) said that it would not do to assume that every American citizen can be treated as if he were a British subject but all Chief Consulates will administer the regulations sympathetically in the case of Americans unless there is reason to the contrary.

General Gough Is Col., Home Guard

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—A full general becomes a Home Guard colonel in the first list of appointments of that body issued by the War Office.

He is General Sir Hubert Gough, who becomes a zone commander, a position from which he resigned last year because he is above the age limit—he is 71.

Nazi Standards For Manchukuo

TOKYO, Mar. 20 (Domei).—Mr. Shoji Yoshino, first economic adviser to the Manchukuo Government, is leaving for Europe early in April on an inspection tour. He will take stock of public utility economy in Germany.

WAR FUND DONATION

A donation of \$100 from the Czechoslovak Committee brings yesterday's total of the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., to \$1,693,991.62.

The Czechoslovak Committee have now made three donations to the fund.

Food Parcels For Germans Sent From Thailand

BANGKOK, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Many Germans are receiving small parcels of tea, coffee, sugar and soap from friends or relatives in Thailand and the fact that these parcels have to go via Japan, Siberia and Russia is regarded as an indication of the shortage of these commodities in Germany.

The parcels are apparently described as "samples" and there is no limit to the number which can be addressed to any single recipient provided that the weight of each does not exceed one kilogramme.

Whiskey For Japan

Whiskey is the largest single item among the foodstuffs and beverages sent by the Japanese in Thailand as "gifts" to friends or relations at home. These gifts go by post, ship and aeroplane, and good whiskey is now so scarce in Japan, it is stated, that it is considered well worth paying the costs involved as well as the heavy import duties the recipients in Japan must pay.

GERMANY AND TURKEY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 20 (UP).—It is understood that a further exchange of views between Germany and Turkey is likely to follow Premier Inonu's message to Hitler.

Usually, well-informed foreign diplomatic quarters understand that Yugo-Slavia statesmen are coming to Berlin within the next two or three days to conclude a pact with Germany. German quarters, on the other hand, continue to be reticent regarding the negotiations.

Communal Clashes In India

DACCA, India, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The latest casualties in the communal disturbances, which took place recently are 16 killed and 93 wounded.

The police had to fire a second time last night and killed four and wounded two.

There have been several cases of incendiarism, including four boats on the river.

Assam Warned To Be On Guard

SHILLONG, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The need of being prepared for any contingency was emphasized by the Governor of Assam, who warned the people that air attacks may come without warning.

The Governor added that flying from the nearest aerodrome occupied by the Japanese to Shillong was only a few hundred miles.

Whether the danger was imminent or not he could not say but they should be prepared.

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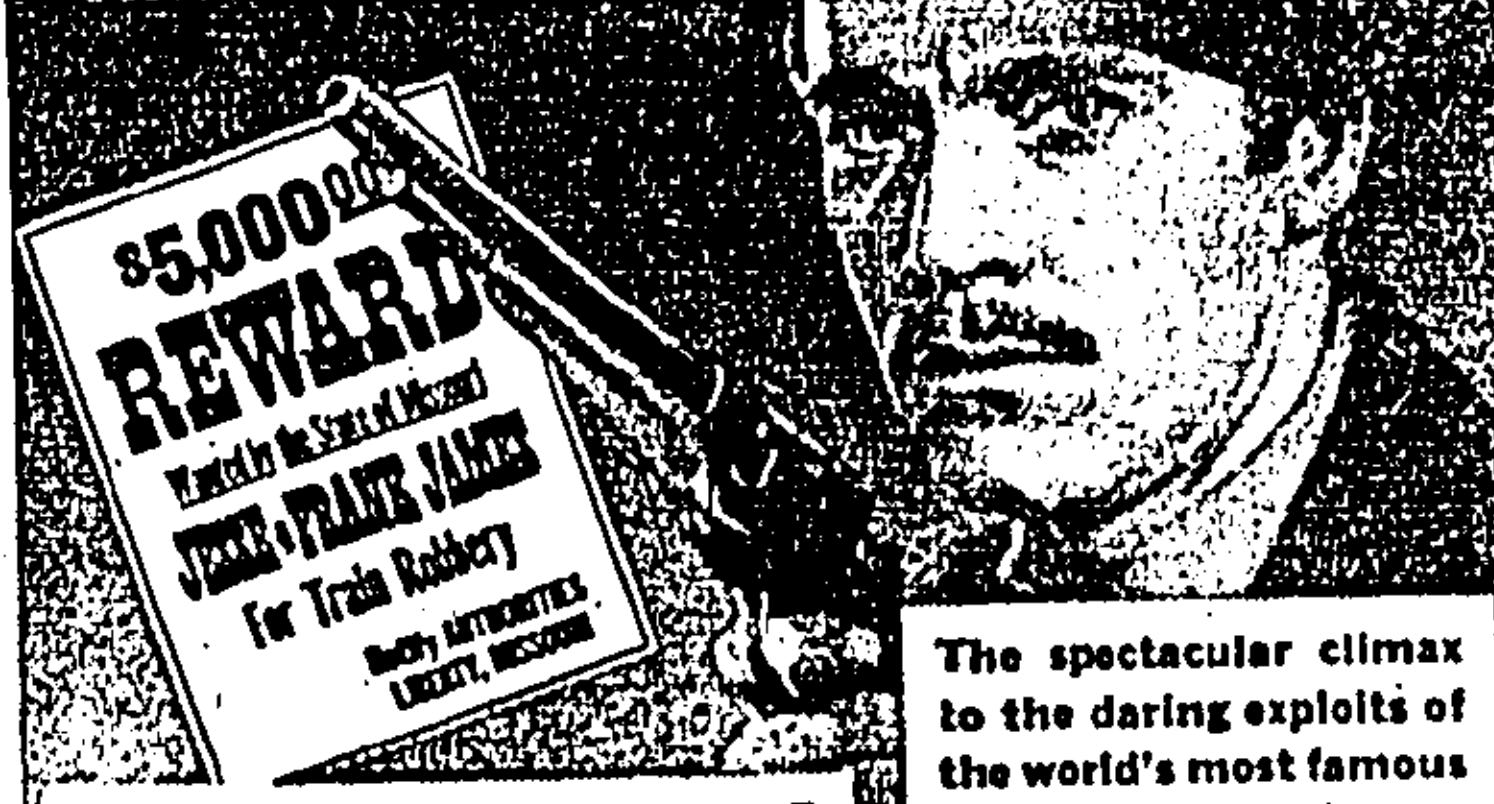


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R.A.F. Bomber Joins
German Squadron

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ed them when he hurled threats at Germany in the face of Germany's vast military and spiritual start.

Daylight Raids

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—There was slight activity over Britain by enemy aircraft during daylight to-day.

On the Kent coast this morning, machine-gun fire was directed at streets in a town and bombs were dropped at two points, say the latest Air Ministry communiqué.

Houses were damaged and a small number of casualties occurred, some of which were fatal.

Bombs were also dropped in the south coast district but the damage was small.

London Alert

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—An alert was sounded in the London area to-night.

Heavy gunfire soon heralded the approach of raiders, who appeared to be coming in from the Thames Estuary.

Enemy planes were believed to be in the vicinity of South-west and East Anglia.

Japanese Evacuate
Singapore

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Mrs Brumbaugh has been aiding her husband in the Wesley Foundation in Japan in Yotsuya Ward in Tokyo.

Teacher First Back

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, March 20 (Domei).—Miss Grace Stowe, of the faculty of Kobe College, first American woman to be allowed by the Washington Government to return to the Orient was a passenger aboard the President Cleveland at Yokohama this morning.

Miss Stowe said, "I patiently waited-and-the-American-Board got it for me. I had the confidence that I would be allowed to return to my work."

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (UP).—Mr Wendell Willkie to-day denied that he plans to visit China in the near future.

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Mounting Tension In Far East

About 12.30 p.m. yesterday, an Indian was having a sum of money changed at the bank when the two robbers, who had been lurking outside the place, dashed boldly into the building and snatched a sum of about \$2,000 Chinese currency from his hands.

An alarm was raised, and the men were chased by the bank's manager and a number of his folk. The men ran from Bonham Strand into Queen's Road, and near the Ho Tung Building they were stopped by a European

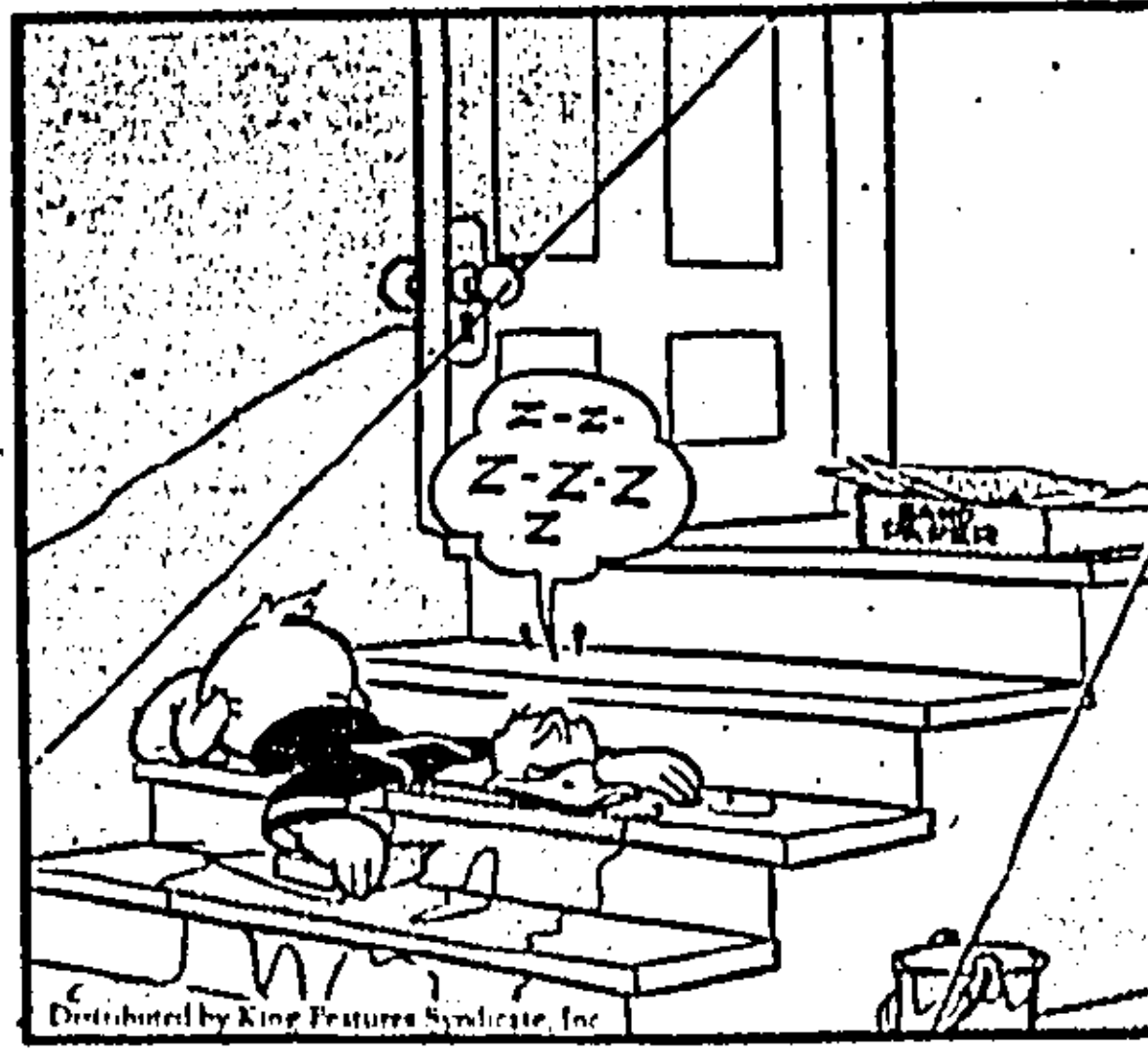
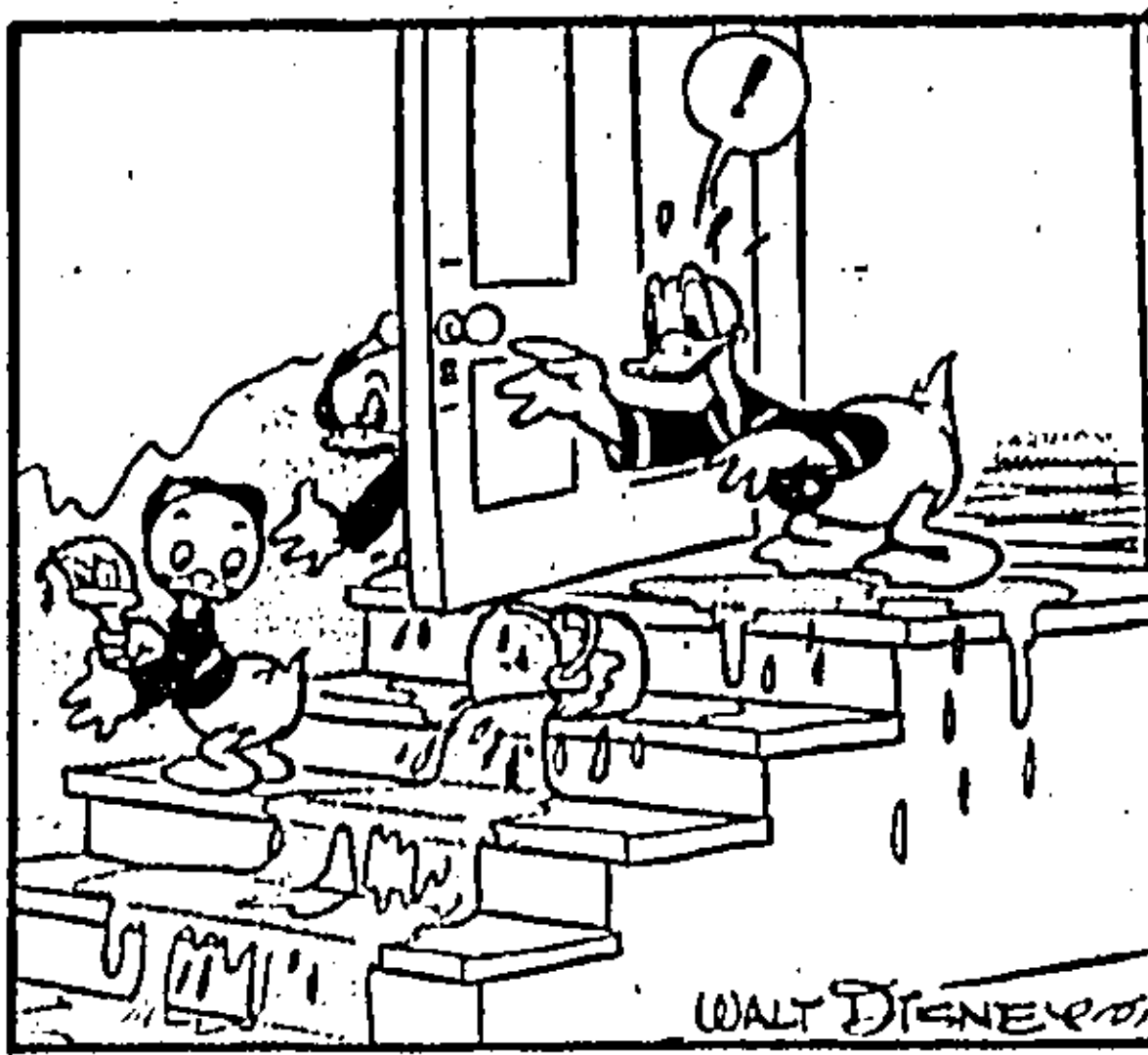
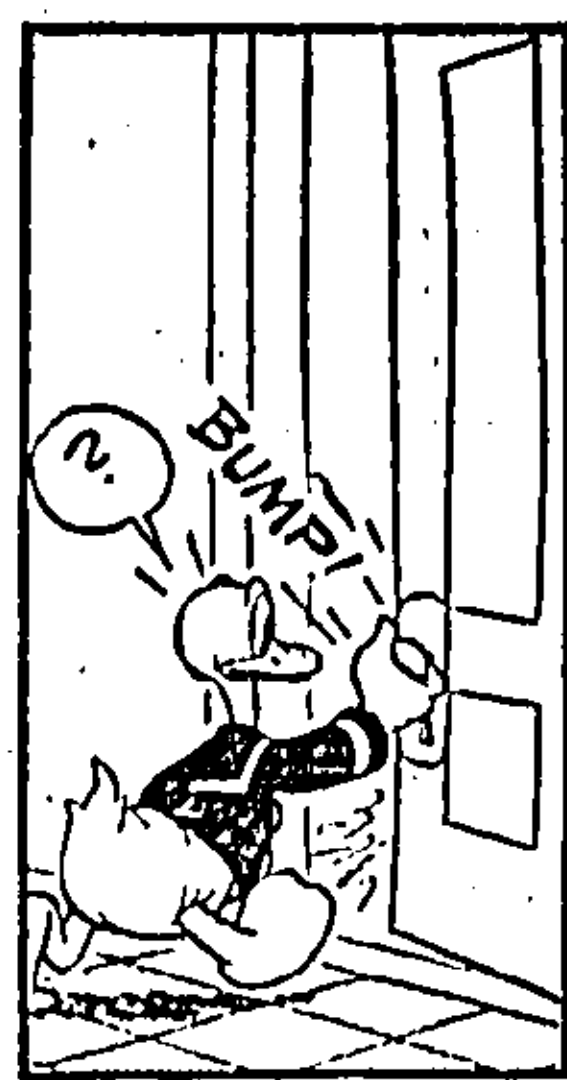
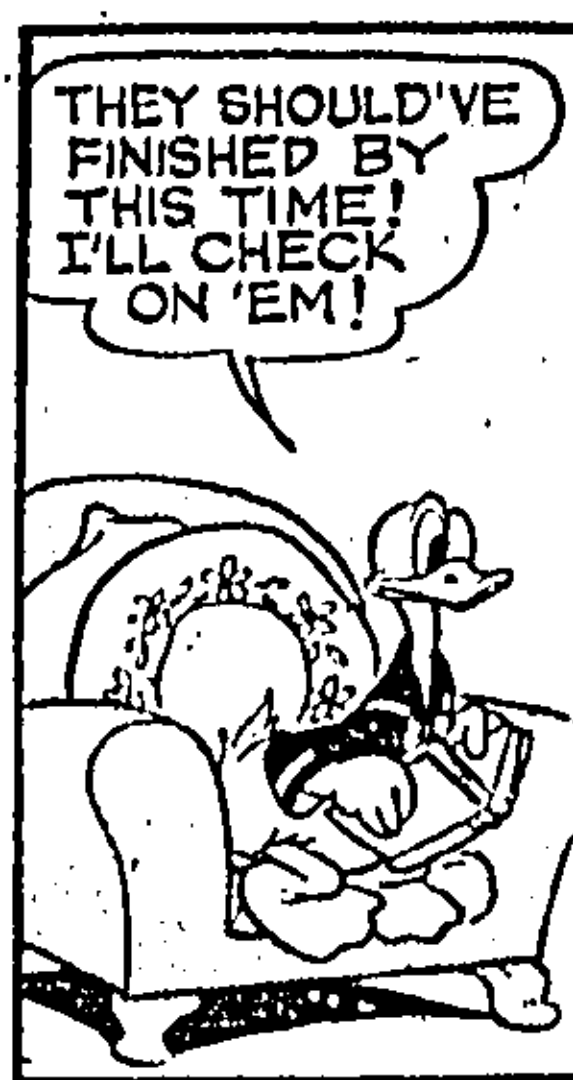
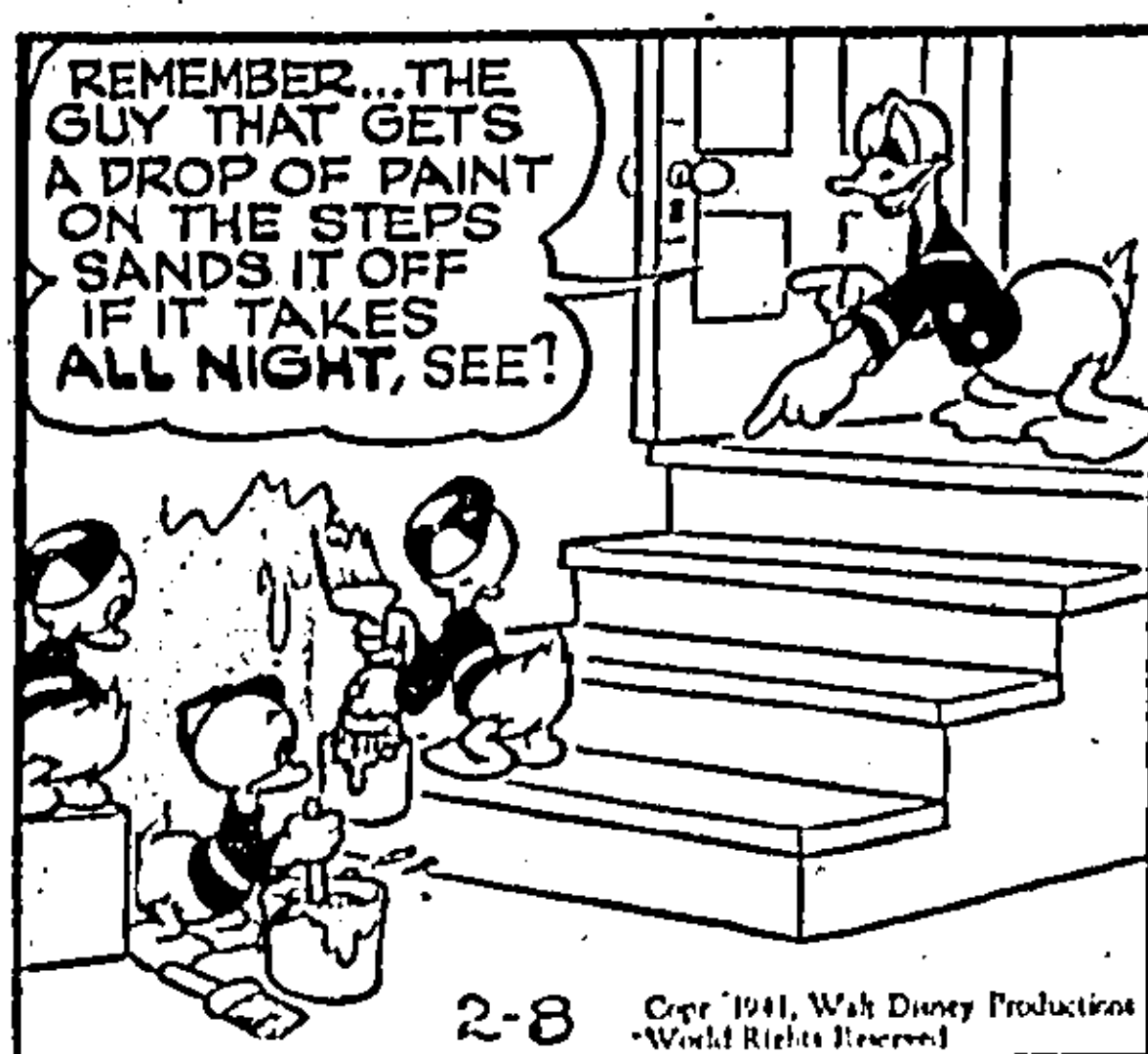
fell to the ground, and one of the robbers was seen to cut the European once across the arm before resuming his flight.

When Li caught up with the men, one of them suddenly stopped, and, turning on his pursuer, pulled out a chopper and cut Li three times on the face. Li fell, and the two men continued to run up Aberdeen Street, where they were seen by a Chinese constable.

An arrest has been made.

It is understood that, of the sum stolen, about \$500 has been recovered.

DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney

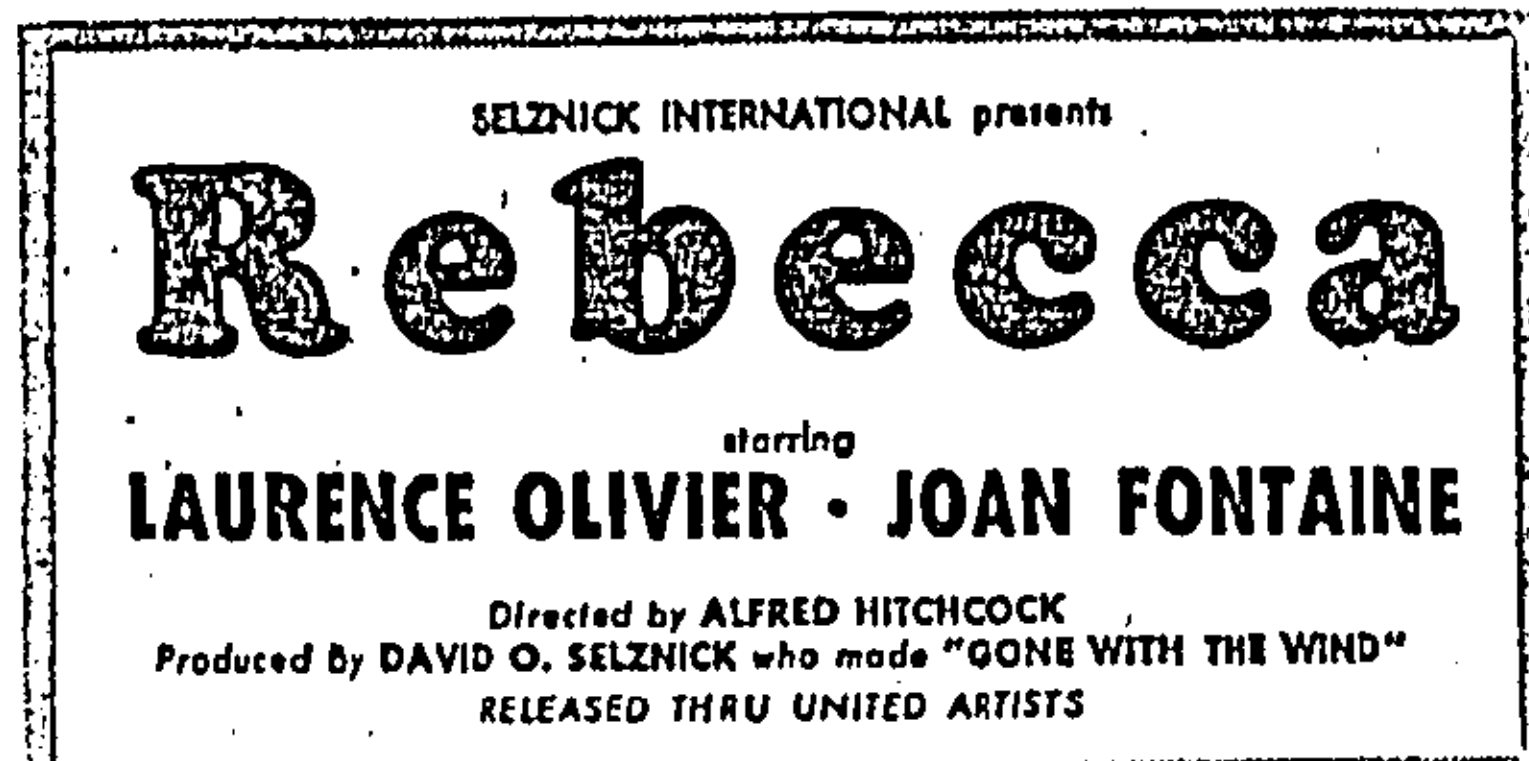
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ROMARY'S FAMOUS
(TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
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BEVERAGES.
AND THEIR —
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"It isn't necessary to tell me how many dependents you have, Otis—we accept only volunteers here!"

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Rebecca
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Produced by DAVID O. SELZNICK who made "GONE WITH THE WIND"
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Chapter Two

I remember quite clearly the wave of annoyance which swept across Maxim's face when we entered the great hall of Manderley. The butler, Frith, had hurried down the front steps to meet us, and we had followed him to the huge first room of the house, where we were confronted with some twenty servants of the household, assembled to meet us. I was wet, and painfully conscious of my appearance before them all. I heard Maxim say, to Frith: "I didn't expect the whole staff to be in attendance," and Frith's quiet reply, "Mrs Danvers' orders, sir."

While I stood there, not knowing at all what to say, my eyes wandered beyond the immense hall, to its minstrel gallery and broad, sweeping staircase, back to the sea of faces, open-mouthed and curious. Almost as though from nowhere, someone advanced out from the sea of faces, someone tall and gaunt, a figure with a deeply-hollowed, brilliant-eyed face, a woman whose cold composure left me limp in embarrassed shyness. "This is Mrs Danvers," Maxim said, and I took her chill, damp hand.

The voice seemed almost a sneer. "How do you do, Madam," she said. "I have everything in readiness for you." I stammered a reply, and in my nervousness dropped a glove. She stepped forward and picked it up. There was more than a trace of scorn in her eyes and smile as she handed it back to me. I could not bear to return her look.

During the first days Maxim was quite busy with the affairs of Manderley, which were regularly managed by a shy and pleasant man named Frank Crawley. This gave me an opportunity to wander through the great house, which I would have liked to do alone. Always, however, Mrs. Danvers would quietly appear; suddenly she would be there, behind me, incessantly performing her duty of acquainting me with the details of Manderley. She was careful to point out that the rooms we were occupying in the East Wing had never been used before, except for visitors.

"The room I was telling you about," she said, "is across the hall. It's not used now. It's the most beautiful room in the house—the only one that looks down across the lawns to the sea. It was Mrs de Winter's room." There was always Mrs Danvers, and the rolling sea in which she had died, to bring Rebecca de Winter back to me. I first saw her long, beautifully sloping handwriting on the flyleaf of a book of poems in Maxim's

room at Monte Carlo. I saw it at Manderley, on the exquisitely monogrammed glass-ware, and on the napery. In the beautiful morning room, which Frith showed me, I found her everywhere; it was a woman's room, furnished with lovely taste, overflowing azaleas and rhododendrons, warmed by a blazing fire. On the writing table, her desk set and guest and menu books still reposed—initialled "R." As I sat at the desk, the telephone rang.

I must have been in terror of being discovered, for the alarming sound left me almost senseless with fright. I lifted the receiver, and the voice said: "Mrs de Winter?" "Mrs de Winter?" I repeated. "I'm afraid you've made a mistake. Mrs de Win-



Judith Anderson, as Mrs Danvers, and Joan Fontaine, as Mrs de Winter.

ter has been dead for far more than a year."

It was not until I had replaced the receiver that I became aware of my irretrievable blunder. The colour flew to my cheeks with shame of the utter idiocy of what I had done. I heard a slight sound behind me, and wheeled about. It was Mrs Danvers, standing silently behind the chair, her eyes expressionless.

"I—I'm sorry, Mrs Danvers," I stammered. "I didn't realise the call was for me." "That is the house telephone, Madam," she said coldly. "It was probably the head gardener wishing instructions."

Maxim's sister, Beatrice, and her husband, Giles Lacy, were not long in inviting themselves (through Maxim) to lunch. They were anxious, of course, to see what manner of girl Maxim had married, and I suppose I somewhat dreaded this first contact with them. They were more of Manderley than I. And they had known Rebecca.

When they came, Maxim was at the farm, and I met them in the library, alone. Major Lacy's round, blank face clearly showed his sur-

prise, but Beatrice simply scrutinised. They had both obviously expected someone quite different. They asked me how I liked Manderley, and Beatrice, how I was getting along with Mrs Danvers. I stammered an answer, which Beatrice understood. "There's no need to be frightened of her," she said. "But I shouldn't have any more to do with her than you can help. She's bound to be insanely jealous at first and she must resent you bitterly."

"But why should she?" I replied, quite astonished. "Don't you know? I should have thought Maxim would have told you. She simply adored Rebecca!"

During lunch, much of the conversation seemed to deal with the things I did not do, such as golf, and hunting, and riding, until Giles, in a thoughtless moment, said: "You don't—uh—you don't sail, do you?" and when I replied, no, I did not, came back with a loud "Thank God for that!" Every one immediately became silent with consternation, and Maxim stared grimly ahead. I knew that Rebecca was uppermost in their thoughts.

When they had left, Maxim suggested that we go for a walk, to which I happily agreed. Rebecca's dog, Jasper, tagged after Maxim as we walked towards the sea, and as we came to a fork in the

paths leading down to the beach the dog unhesitatingly took the one to the right. Maxim suddenly called: "Jasper! Not that way! Come here!" The dog scampered down the steps to the sea, not heeding Maxim's command. "Where does that lead to?" I asked him.

"To a small cove where we used to keep a boat," he replied, almost curtly. He seemed irritated when I suggested that we go down. "It's quite dull and uninteresting —" he said, "just like any other stretch of sand." He must have sensed my disappointment, for he changed his mind, and led me down. We had no sooner reached the beach than Jasper ran off to a bend in the shore, and behind a rock jetty, barking furiously. I vaguely heard Maxim shouting after me as I ran after the dog. I clambered over the rocks, and saw it all—the little cove, the cottage, the mooring buoy offshore. There was a piece of string to tether Jasper in the cottage, which I found to be completely furnished, but dusty and chill and blue-spotted with the damp. It was from here that Rebecca had sailed.

(To be continued to-morrow).

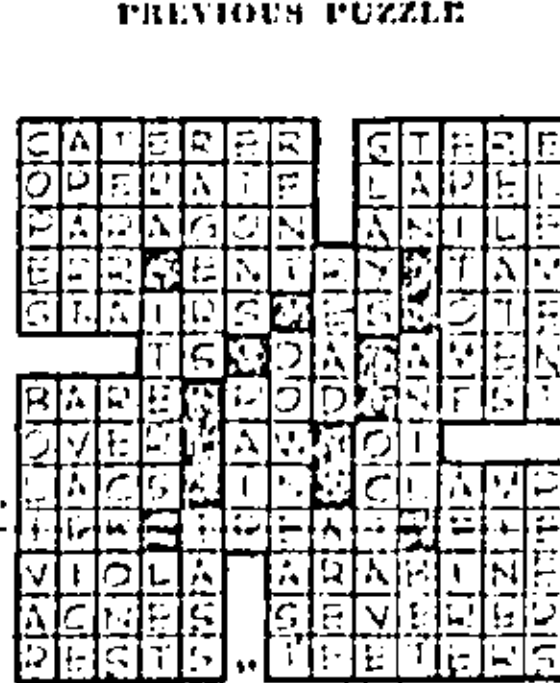
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Without speech
- 2—Stuffed relic
- 3—Young cow
- 4—Crust of shrubs
- 5—Winged
- 6—Effusive stroke (clay)
- 7—Turkistan tribe
- 8—Faction
- 9—French river
- 10—Indian hunting
- 11—Disputed
- 12—Female sheep
- 13—Bore
- 14—Those who frighten
- 15—In this manner
- 16—Polar sea
- 17—Word mentioned in Bible
- 18—Pope
- 19—Place of tree
- 20—Zebra
- 21—Musical oracle
- 22—Portmanteau
- 23—Bird's home
- 24—Theatrical former
- 25—Persons of ten
- 26—Cat off
- 27—Golfball club
- 28—Advanced college
- 29—Allowance of food
- 30—Pertaining to ear
- 31—Walking stick
- 32—Death notice

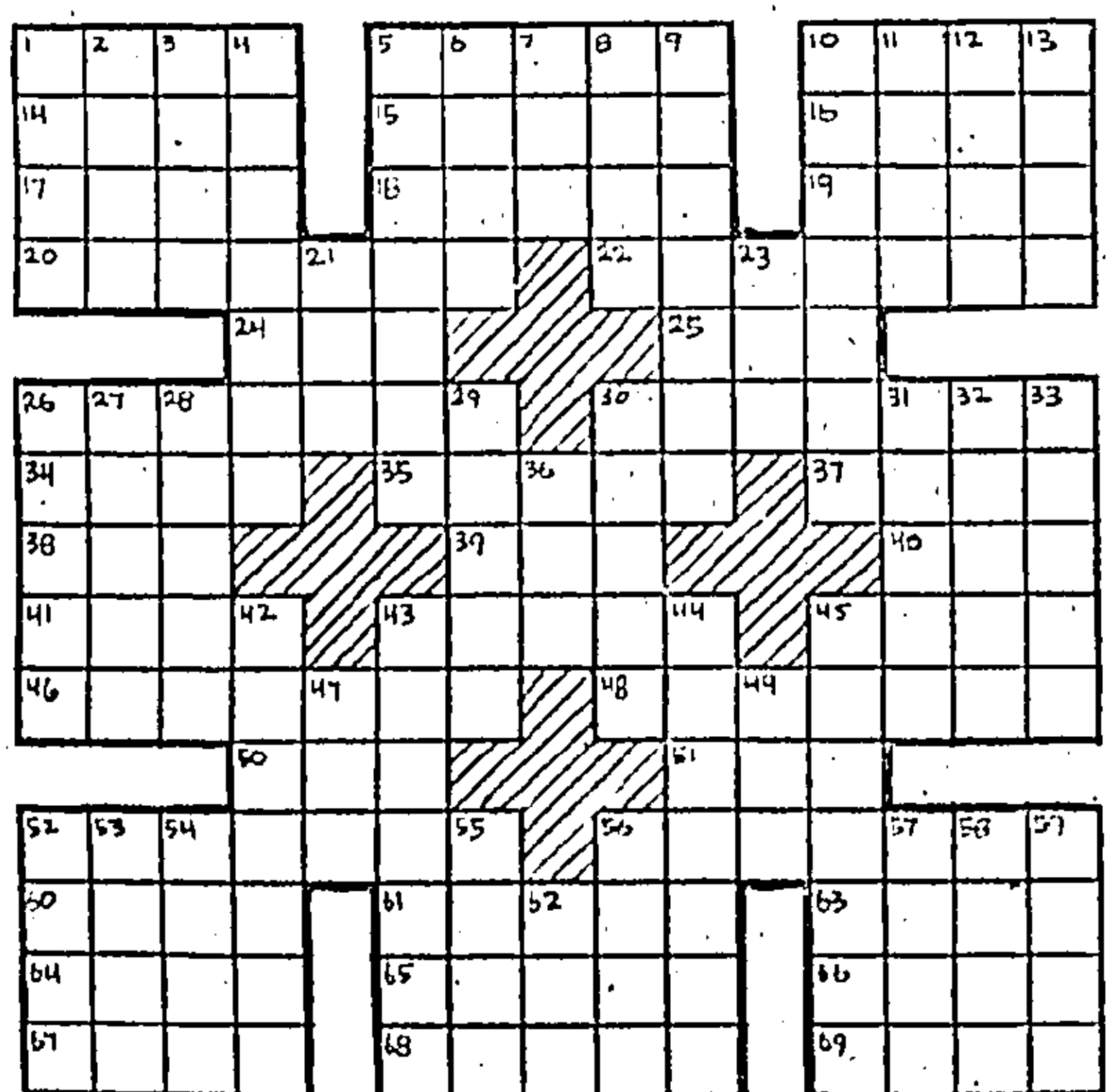
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 33—Arrow poison
- 34—Carnival
- 35—Not one
- 36—Swedish province
- 37—Hillocks of sand
- 38—Appear

DOWN

- 1—Circular plate
- 2—Western state



Stolen Ammunition Recovered

The recovery of 14,970 rounds of 303 live ammunition, the property of the Military authorities which were stolen from two pill-boxes at Tsau Wan at the beginning of this month, had a sequel at the District Office South Court this morning when three men were charged before Mr S. F. Balfour with theft.

Defendants were Cheung Sal-lo, 41, Lau Hing, 41, odd-job coolies, and Kwok Cheung, 65, boatman. On the request of Det-Sgt Macpherson, Defendants were remanded for a week.

WORLD TIN Increase In Quota

LONDON, Mar. 20 (British Wire)—At a meeting of the International Tin Committee held in London to-day, the quota for the third and fourth quarters of the current year was fixed at 130 per cent. of the standard tonnages.

The Committee made and forwarded to the signatory governments a recommendation that the scheme should be continued for a further period from January 1, 1942. They also suggested certain amendments to the scheme.

FOR SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER!



HEINZ OVEN-BAKED BEANS

Acting Governor Says Goodbye To Hongkong

Lieut-General E. F. Norton, who has been acting Governor of Hongkong during the past seven months, bade farewell this morning. He is returning to England. The popularity which he attained during his brief period of administration was amply testified by the large number of distinguished personages who gathered at Queen's Pier to bid him farewell.

General Norton appeared to have fully recovered from the effects of his fall. He looked hale and hearty, and as he left on a motor launch, after having shaken hands with officials and friends, he was given three lusty cheers.

Among the large gathering were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, His Excellency Major-General A. E. Gruech, the Rt Rev Bishop H. Valtorta, the Rt Rev Bishop R. O. Hall, His Honour Sir Athol MacGregor, the Hon. Capt. A. C. Collinson (Commodore), the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith and Mrs Smith, Mr A. E. Southard, U. S. Consul General, and Doyen of the Consular Body, the Hon. Mr C. C. Alnaster, the Hon. Mr R. A. C. North, the Hon. Mr R. Todd, the Hon. Dr P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, the Hon. Mr J. J. Peterson, the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewell, the Hon. Mr S. H. Dodwell, Wing-Comdr T. S. Harry, His Honour Mr Justice E. H. Williams, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn,

the Hon. Mr A. B. Purves, the Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue, the Hon. Mr W. J. Carrie, the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr Leo D'Almada o Castro, Jr, the Hon. Mr A. L. Shields, the Hon. Mr W. N. T. Tam, the Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr Li Tack-tong, Mr E. W. Hamilton, Mr J. A. Fraser, Mr E. I. Wynne-Jones, Mr T. Megarry, Major R. D. Walker, Comdr J. Petric, Mr E. W. Davies, Wing-Comdr A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Mr A. Pollard, Col H. B. Rose, Mr C. G. Solila, Lieut-Comdr J. Jolly, Mr D. J. Sloos, Mr C. B. Burgess, Mr G. A. C. Harbells, Mr W. Brown, Mr J. C. FitzHenry, the Very Rev. Dean L. J. Wilson, Mr H. J. Pearce, Mr T. S. Whyte-Smith, Brig. A. Poffier, Mr B. C. K. Hawkins, Mr F. C. Barry, Mr H. R. D. Hancock, Mr G. Miskin, Major C. Champlin, Capt. L. G. Campbell, Mr E. W. Pudney, members of the Consular body and many others.

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (UP)—Mr Wendell Willkie to-day denied that he plans to visit China in the near future.

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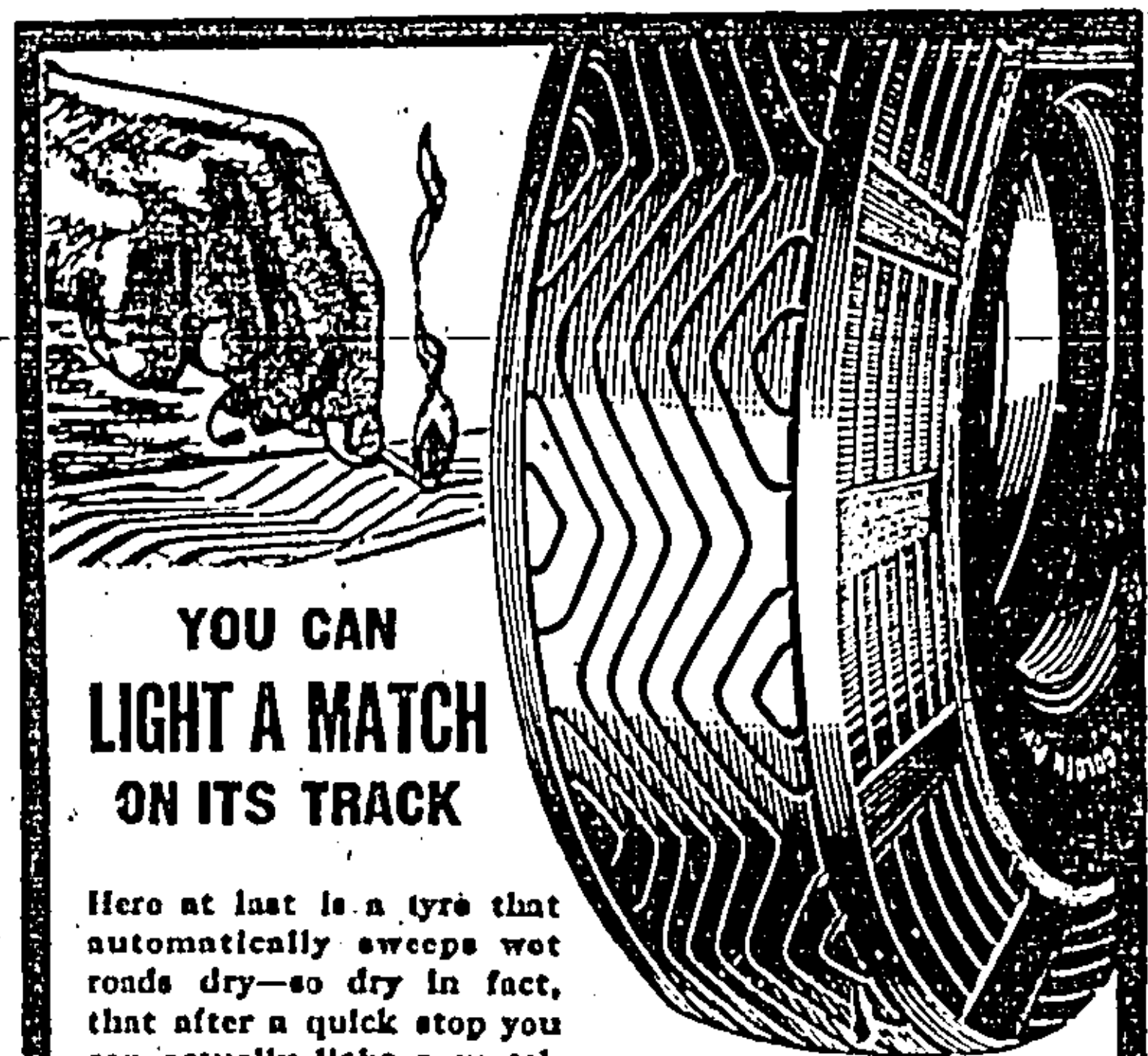
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Singer 11 Saloon	1935	1400.00
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FRANCE & THE BLOCKADE

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It is highly probable that the blockade has weighed heavily on the French habit of eating, but there is a wide difference between what most of the European people are now able to obtain and starvation. Admiral Darlan himself, though inferring that the French people are nearing starvation because of the blockade, declared it to be "ineffective." If this is the case then Britain should not be held responsible for any lack but Germany, and the Vichy authorities should turn to Berlin for redress rather than accuse Britain's "ineffective weapon" of being the cause of their sufferings. Vichy is clearly following the line laid down by Berlin for, as Mr Joseph C. Harsch, correspondent for the "Christian Science Monitor" in Berlin, stated in a recent article, "German authorities have the effrontery to declare that the British blockade is to blame. On the contrary, the most qualified neutral observers, with few exceptions, believe that Germany has withdrawn its power to prevent famine anywhere within the occupied areas for at least another year and possibly another two years or more."

Under the terms of the armistice, Germany has apparently the power to requisition all she requires or wants from France. Berlin has taken full advantage of this agreement for not only in occupied France where four-fifths of France's wheat is grown, but in the unoccupied areas she appears to be able to seize what she desires. It has become known that German agents, stationed at Marseilles, commandeer the supplies which arrive regularly from North Africa, where, incidentally the German infiltration is already commensurate with the earlier infiltration into Rumania and Bulgaria, thus threatening the independence of France's colonial Empire.

What is Happiness Worth?

Extract (right) from a newspaper report is the basis of this article in which a famous K.C. discusses the problems raised.

The Lord Chancellor stated during the appeal: "The thing to be valued is not the prospect of length of days, but the prospect of a predominantly happy life."

He added that the degree of happiness to be obtained by a human being did not depend on wealth or status.

The appeal was allowed and the order of Mr Justice Asquith varied by reducing an award of £1,200 to £200.

other days creeps into the mind—

"Is Life a Boon?
If so, it must befall
That Death, when'er he call
Must call too soon."

THE question is certainly unusual, and even a trifle disconcerting. It has a touch of the unanswerable about it, yet somehow stays for an answer. Quite recently it has been fully considered in the House of Lords, and an answer given by the highest tribunal in the land. Because of the nature of the question and the issues raised by the answer, the decision has excited an interest rarely shown in legal matters, and extending far beyond legal circles.

The reason is not far to seek. Many legal questions seem academic and remote to ordinary people (though in truth they are not), but this question appeals to them in the most vivid and personal way. Indeed, quite ordinary people who would be afraid to discuss a legal question, feel that they could make some contribution to the answer to this question out of their human experience.

THE philosopher, the moralist, the essayist, the broader over human affairs—all alike feel that in this matter they have something to say. It is somewhat reminiscent of the old imperious question—"Is Life worth living?"; and that song of

small boy, as the administrator of the estate of his son, brought an action against the driver of the car which had caused the accident, claiming damages for his son's loss of expectation of life.

When the case was heard before one of His Majesty's judges at Winchester Assizes the only question left for decision was the amount of damages. The very great difficulty of assessing the amount in such cases had long been recognised, and after hearing argument, the learned judge awarded £1,200.

This award was reviewed in the Court of Appeal, but was not disturbed, and in due course the question came to the House of Lords. After full and elaborate argument the House of Lords decided that the proper figure for this particular case was £200.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE IT'S AN ARMY WAY WE HAVE

HE was a lean, narrow man with a face which might have been pressed between two boards; and his name was Pynn.

He had been a fireman before the Army claimed him. Now, the firefighters wanted him back; and there he was, between two fires as it were; not at all sure that he wanted to go.

"I," he said, "am going back to Civvy Street pretty soon now." He sighed very deeply.

"You don't sound pleased about it."

"I don't know whether I'm pleased or sorry," said Pynn. "That's how it is. When I was in Civvy Street I longed for the Army. Then, when I came here I longed for Civvy Street."

Meat And Drink

"It's like that, this Army. Soldiers are like fishermen... they curse their business, and bless it, all in the same breath. I know. I'm the Company Clerk."

"I've heard soldiers talking—men, N.C.O.s, every kind of soldier—and to hear them you'd think they were on the verge of mutiny all the time."

"Fod up with the sight of khaki!" "Browned off with ruddy Bren guns!" "Living only for the moment when I can

towards closer co-operation between Germany and leading to eventual control of the French Fleet. Admiral Darlan's threat that the French navy would be employed to escort their supply ships through the blockade was an indication of the line Germany wishes him to adopt.

signing again.

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"Am I expected to go on my bent-up knees for a rotten little bit of regulation flannellet?" "All right! I'm through. I'm browned off! For all I care, there can be ruddy spiders in my rifle."

"What did I tell you?" said Pynn, signing again.

An Acquired Taste

"The army is one of those acquired tastes, like smoking. It makes you sick at first. Then you feel you can't get on without it."

"I remember when I first joined, and began to get my first chasings on the square—well, I felt I wanted to die."

"And then, when I'd finished my first eight or nine weeks, and passed out and got ready to come to the Battalion, I noticed a strange thing."

"I was half sorry to leave the barracks!"

"If, by any chance, I'd been kept back there, I'd have been going about with a face as long as a fiddle. Yet I was browned off—which means I was Up—at the thought of going."

"And here I am, due to go for good, and actually feeling pretty sick about it!"

Epilogue

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WHICH would be the more precious, if the choice had to be made—the prospect of a long life or the prospect of a happy one? This was the question seven Lay Lords had to answer yesterday when considering an appeal from an award made in respect of a 2½-year-old boy killed in a car accident.

"I am of opinion," said Lord Simon, the Lord Chancellor, "that the right conclusion is not to be reached by applying what is called the statistical or actuarial test."

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What a fascinating and moving world of inquiry is there opened! For where does true happiness reside, and on what does it depend? Are there degrees of happiness, or is there a distinction in quality? Did the great man among the heights and pinnacles really sigh for our rude huts before he died? Or did he find his true life among books, journeying with the brave and wise spirits of all ages, and tasting a world of infinite happiness in that great company?

Did he find life sweet because of day and night, sun, moon and stars, and "likewise there's a wind on the heath"? Or was he just the happy-go-lucky adventurer, not reflecting too deeply, content with the smaller experiences, and not tempting the deeper raptures? So the questions crowd upon one another, and in the background the scarcely formulated question whether or not all happiness hangs by a thread!

It becomes increasingly plain that precise and accurate measurement of happiness is beyond attainment: indeed, it may be said that to try and assess a measure of happiness in terms of money is to attempt the impossible. For some will say that the thing called happiness depends upon a thousand factors, and some will say, paradoxically enough, that in the last analysis it depends upon one only.

But henceforward, the Courts of Law must attempt the just appraisal of this loss of happiness in terms of money. When considering the amount to be awarded in the case of the young child, will it be possible to speculate upon the kind of world into which the child would have grown up?

Yet, oddly enough, they are still the things for which most people sigh when they think over human affairs, almost unconsciously repeating—"Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand, riches and honour."

But the House of Lords in this great matter is on the side of the philosophers, the thinkers and the poets. Dekker would have respectfully concurred, and some three hundred and fifty years ago, he recorded his view

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THIS decision of the highest court of the land is full of fascination to the student of human affairs. For the question, it appears, ought really to be framed in this way—"What is the sum which ought to be paid for the loss of a measure of prospective happiness?" In that form it seems less like a legal question than ever. But that is the question which the Courts of Law must henceforth examine in all such cases. The individual life must be examined on this basis: when all relevant matters have been considered, was the individual likely to have had a life which contained a positive measure of happiness.

But how is that to be decided, and what are the tests for a positive measure of happiness, and

what guidance in these deep matters can be given? The House of Lords did not quail before these searching questions, and laid down the proper method of approach to the essential problem.

In doing so, the great authority of the House of Lords was given to much that the generations of men have learnt at infinite cost. Mere length of life was not to be regarded as the most important feature, nor the mere possession of worldly goods, nor indeed the mere fact of high rank or station. These, of themselves, are not the things out of which the happy life comes.

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Yet, oddly enough, they are still the things for which most people sigh when they think over human affairs, almost unconsciously repeating—"Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand, riches and honour."

signing again.

Southern Thrust Into Abyssinia Opens Roads

NAIROBI, Mar. 20 (Reuters).—Yavello, in southern Abyssinia, has been taken by regular troops according to today's official communique which adds that operations are progressing in the Neghelli area.

British patrols contacted the enemy in the difficult mountainous country surrounding Marda Pass, eight miles west of Jijiga, the capture of which, says the communique, was not difficult.

Some prisoners were taken with the town.

"By the capture of this important centre, new routes have been opened up running east to Berbera and west to Dire Dawa, where the road meets the through railway from Djibouti," says the communique.

Resistance At Keren

CAIRO, Mar. 20 (Reuters).—The Italians are putting up a desperate resistance at Keren though reports reaching Cairo indicate that they lack adequate air support.

The position of the British forces in this area continues to develop favourably, stated a military spokesman to-night.

U.S. Aviation Spirit For Japan

Question For Commons

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Central News).—Mr Garro Jones, Labour M.P., is addressing an inquiry to the Minister of Economic Warfare as to whether he is aware that Japan in August 1940 imported American petrol sevenfold more in quantity than she did in the same month in 1939, and that extraction of aviation spirits from the import tended to defeat the American ban on the export of octane fuel to Japan.

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Chinese Check Advance Along Kiangsi Front

CHUNGKING, Mar. 21 (Central News).—Fighting in northern Kiangsi continues unabated, but the Japanese advance is being steadily checked.

As the result of a vigorous Chinese counter-attack launched on March 18, the main Japanese force attacking Kanoan has been dispersed.

Besides recovering Chengchienkai, a strategic point north of Kanoan, the Chinese also inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese who are now retreating towards Wuchiao.

The Japanese detachment which pushed towards Hsuehwei west of Kanoan on the morning of March 19 has been intercepted by the Chinese and is being engaged in severe fighting.

Japanese operating on the southern bank of the Chin River have been increased to more than 3,000 and are continuing their attacks on Tscheng, an important city on the northern bank of the Kan River, west of Fencheng.

Heavy fighting has been proceeding in the vicinity of the city since the night of March 19 but the Chinese are valiantly holding out against the Japanese assaults.

Aerial Reconnaissance
KIAN, Mar. 21 (Central News).—Four Japanese planes yesterday morning raided Yingling, 80 miles south-east of Nanchang. Several bombs were dropped demolishing one house, but no other damage was caused.

Two other Japanese planes reconnoitred over Kanoan but dropped no bombs.

Cities Strated
CHUNGKING, Mar. 21 (Central News).—Liangshan, Fushan and Suining, cities in north-eastern Szechwan north of Chungking, yesterday were raided by 12 Japanese planes flying from bases in Hupch.

Little damage was caused as the raiders dropped no bombs but only strafed the cities with machine-guns. They were driven off by Chinese anti-aircraft fire.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—ON THE KIANGSI FRONT, Mar. 21 (Domel).—Continuing their westward drive following their capture of Kanoan, four Japanese Army detachments on Thursday afternoon captured Szeki, about 40 miles south-west of Kanoan, and now are pressing against the Chinese troops falling back upon the Tangpu River.

Communist Army
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—HSUCHOW, Mar. 21 (Domel).—Seven hundred Chinese Communist troops of the Eighth Route Army and the New Fourth Army moving about Tschwang in northern Kiangsi Province were severely defeated by the Japanese forces on the morning of March 19. The Chinese abandoned 120 dead while 200 of the enemy men were drowned. The Japanese took 150 prisoners.

WEST INDIES
Transfer Of Naval Bases Ready For Signature
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Sydney Hails U.S. Warships
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—SYDNEY, Mar. 20 (UP).—The United States Naval squadron arrived today and its Commander, Rear Admiral John Newton told the cheering crowd that "America has never before been so ready and willing to throw her energies into helping the Democracies win the war."

The arrival was celebrated by a holiday and the news supplanted the war news on the front pages of the newspapers.

The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Eadden, said the Americans recognized Britain's cause as America's cause, and added, "I am confident that America has now aligned herself with us and has formed units with her sister Democracies, never to be broken."

Refuse Dump Explodes
At Dynamite Factory
NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—An explosion today at the dynamite factory at Kenil, New Jersey, of the Hercules Powder Factory rocked the country for miles around.

Despite the violence of the explosion, which occurred in the refuse dump, nobody was injured and no damage was done.

About 50 people were killed and 200 injured by a series of explosions that wrecked part of this factory on September 12 last.

Gallup-ing To War
Americans Vote
NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—"If you were asked to vote on the question of the United States going to war or staying out, how would you vote?"

This question, the latest to be put by the Gallup survey, revealed that 17 per cent. of those asked favoured going to war and 83 per cent. favoured staying out.

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The Chamber also took exception to the attitude of the Communist members to the People's Political Council. If they have any grievances, the message said, they should present them to the Council for consideration and it does not become them to take a hostile stand if their demands are not complied with.

In the interests of the nation and the cause of the war of resistance, the Shanghai business men urged the Communist leaders to continue to strive under one unified government and one unified command.

DUTCH ARMS GROWING
In Three Services
LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—A large number of pilots are being trained in the Netherlands Indies for duties in Europe, states Colonel Dijkhoorn, Defence Minister, in an interview in "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London.

He also states that a number of Dutch pilots are now being trained in the R.A.F. for fighter machines and that Holland hopes to have her own fighter squadrons in the R.A.F.

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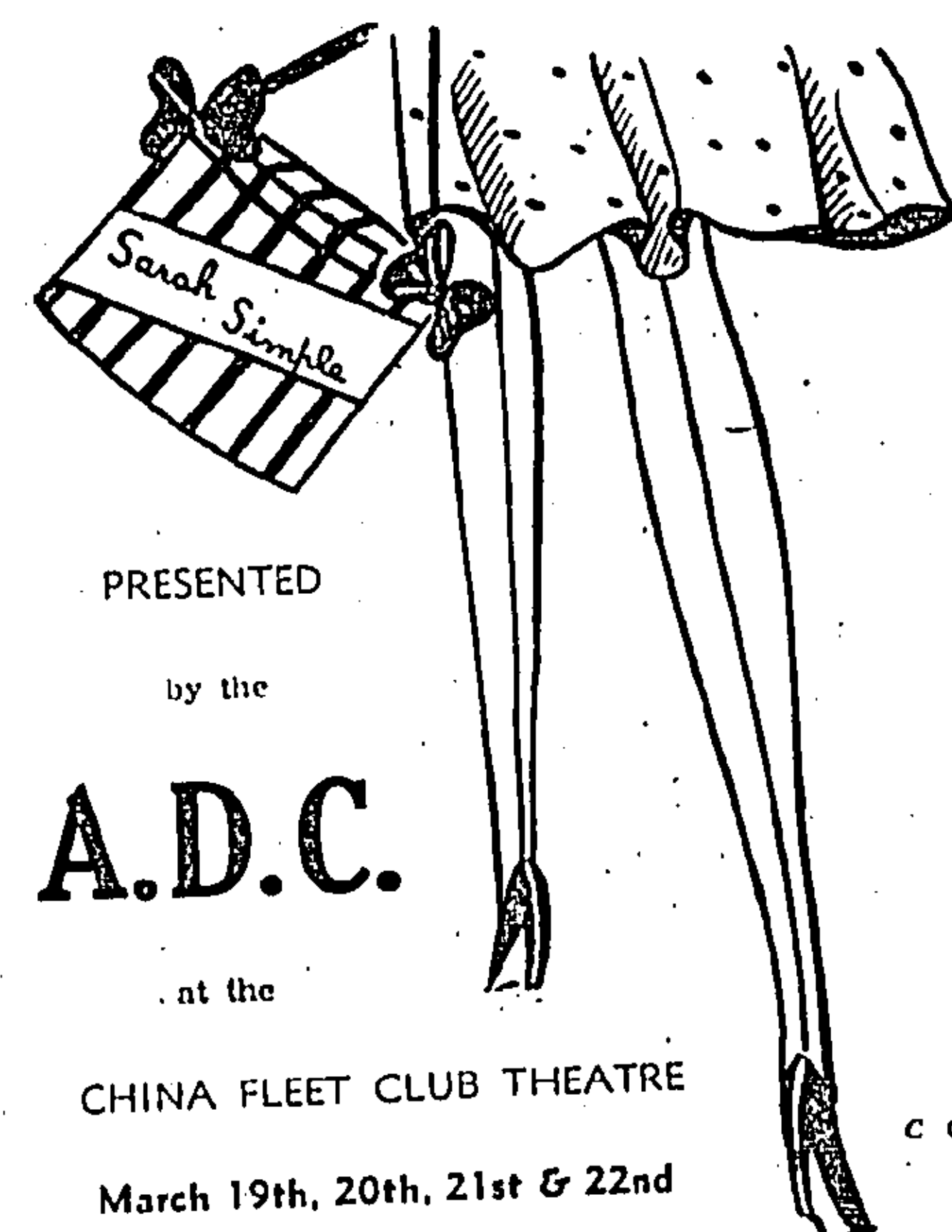


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SPORTS ADVT.

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THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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There were some fine gallops at the racecourse last Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. I do not, however, expect to see three figures dividend to-morrow afternoon, but one can never tell with four postponements.

Benefit to Someone

WHILE on the subject, it has done a world of good to So Nice, a China pony griffin owned by Mr. E. A. Sutton (known in North China as "one arm Sutton"), and the bay mare with Mr. S. W. Tang is definitely a starter in the Lotteries Stakes over six furlongs.

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How good Mr Sutton's candidate will be against Charlesher or Wonderful Scheme, I am not in a position to say at this juncture, but the point I wish to stress is that the postponement has given ample time to tune the mare and she is worth following.

Melbourne Cup Starters

FOLLOWING is a list of probable starters for the classic event, Melbourne Cup, over two miles:

Australian Diamond	Chang
Bathin Bay	Nedda
Brutus	Trevorton
Colooma	Botello
Endeavour	Wei
Far View	Pih
First Love	Liang
Marsh Warbler	Davis
Piccadilly Jim	Chao
Triumph Day	Heurne
Viceroy	Black

Kowloon Marathon Postponed

The annual Kowloon marathon race, organized by St Andrew's Club, has been postponed from this afternoon to Friday next, March 28.

Up to yesterday only ten entries had been received, and it is hoped that the extension of time will bring more. Closing date for entries is now Tuesday, March 25, and those competitors who have already entered are requested to re-affirm their intention of running in the re-arranged race.

Entries will be received by Mr V. B. J. Merrett, c/o S.C.E. Department, H. M. Naval Dockyard.

Grand Nationals For Australian And China Ponies: Extra Train Accommodation For Punters

CAPT. FOSTER sees with delight the increase of stake money for the lower positions in the two main events, namely the Fanling Grand National confined to China ponies, and the Australian Grand National for Australian ponies.

The above two races are the major steeplechasing contests of the last meet under the auspices of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to be held at Kwanti on Sunday, and there are in addition four handicap flat events.

For the convenience of racing public, there will be the usual express train leaving Kowloon at 1.08 p.m. and returning from Fanling at 6.41 p.m. The first class return fare of \$2 includes admission to the racecourse.

I remember writing in these columns as to the inadequate supply of carriages provided on the return trip from Fanling at the opening meet on Boxing Day, and I was more than glad that the hint was duly noted. On behalf of racegoers I must tender our best thanks to the Kowloon Canton Railway for the "extra express train" at the February meeting, and there was certainly plenty room to stretch one's tired legs on the return trip.

I was also glad that the starting of races at Kwanti showed something better than in the past and the "white flag" came into use for the first time at the February meeting.

Rules of Starting

IT may be of interest to know what is the use of a white flag. I will, however, cite the two important rules:

(1) The starter shall give all orders necessary for securing a fair start. The horses must be started, as far as possible, in a line, but they may be started at such reasonable distance behind the starting post as the Starter thinks necessary. After the Starter has called over the names of the runners, and has assigned the horses the places drawn by lot, he shall give orders for a white flag to be raised.

(2) Should the Starter consider that through any cause arising prior to the raising of the white flag, any horse is unable to start, he shall at once notify the Clerk of the Scales that the horse has not come under his orders.

The latter means that a horse has been withdrawn and your \$5 is refunded.

Attention of owners is drawn to the fact that starters for the first race must be declared on the forms provided in the Welching Room before two o'clock, and for all subsequent races "45 minutes" before the scheduled starting time.

Jockeys must provide their own whips, which must be of a type approved by the Hongkong Jockey Club. The Fanling Club will provide spurs, which also meet the Hongkong Jockey Club's requirements.

I would like to mention that at the last meeting a pony was refused permission to weigh out owing to late declaration. A jockey's attention was drawn to the use of a wrong type of whip with the result that he went to the post without a cane.

Selections For Sunday

MY SELECTIONS for the first five events are:

SHAMROCK HANDICAP
A Good Time
Dick Turpin
Schmetterling
DUBLIN HANDICAP
National Success
Lancashire Chap
Palmer
FANLING GRAND NATIONAL
Viber
March Brown
Jack O'Lantern
HUNTERS' CUP
Royal Wedding Eve
Edna's Worlthy
Royal Highness
AUSTRALIAN GRAND NATIONAL
Brutus
Sea Urchin
Glorious Star

Australian Grand National

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In his absence my next best is Sea Urchin and Glorious Star, the winner of last year's Grand National.

Tournament Tennis

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The greater interest was shown in the Pagh-Umetani match. Umetani was excellent on the few occasions he advanced to the net, and took his points with fine volleys. In this department and in his service, Pagh showed considerable weakness, but, surprisingly, Umetani chose to play Pagh at his own game—from the baseline.

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Dublin H'cap

Poor Entries

Palmer and Lancashire Chap Most Dangerous

THE DUBLIN HANDICAP was originally intended to be divided into two sections for "E" class China ponies, but this had to be cancelled in view of the poor entries. There are 13 entries, and in order not to disappoint the owners, the Stewards have provided a consolation event barring the winner of this race.

We should see a fine scramble over six furlongs, and I fancy National Success, Ascot Vale heads the list of handicaps but I doubt if the blackie is sound.

The two most dangerous are Lancashire Chap and Palmer. In 1934 Zero was nominated for the Hongkong Derby, but the mare's blood thus being so much freed that there is hardly any speed left in the racer, and the trip over six furlongs is too long.

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Fanling Grand National

Stamina Contest For China Ponies Over 1 3/4 Miles

THE FANLING GRAND NATIONAL bracketed with Pierce Grove Memorial Cup (a handicap steeplechase) is going to celebrate its 16th run on Sunday, and it is one of the greatest strain and stamina contests for China ponies over 1 3/4 miles.

Shamrock H'cap

A Good Time's Debut On Country Course

THERE HAS BEEN A reshuffle in the order of running the events, and I understand the Shamrock Handicap, a flat race for "D" class Australian ponies, is the first item on the card. The sprint is over seven furlongs.

A Good Time has never been on a country course and the mare by Seabound has been penalised 10 lb. for a third place behind Longdon (winner) and Roofly in the Adelaide Handicap at Happy Valley.

It was her first and only placing, but I have confidence in A Good Time to win on Sunday.

More at Home

THE form book shows that Dick Turpin has no relish for Happy Valley, but in the country at Kwanti, Mr Potts' candidate is a hot stuff. Dick Turpin ran second to Schmetterling in the Kwanti Handicap, and he should be dangerous in view of the readjustment of 5 lb. of lead in his favour.

Schmetterling, by the way, likes the open course, but I am afraid that the extra poundage may hinder his chances of collecting the first prize.

Violet Queen has not been seen on the cinder track during the early mornings and that is all I know about the mare. However, she was a dainty sprinter in her prime of 1936 class and I would recommend her for big money.

Consolation Cup

Handicap Event For Non-winners

THE LAST EVENT, Dublin Consolation Cup, is for those "E" class China ponies that have started in the Dublin Handicap with a ban on the winner. The second and third placed ponies are to be penalised 5 lb. and 3 lb. respectively and the tipping

Despite the war, a good field is expected, but Clownner, the winner of last season's Blue Ribband, is not among the list of entries.

The absence of Mr Whittaker's candidate has no doubt removed the best challenger, and it looks to me that Viber will not encounter much opposition.

With due respect to either Double Chance, Jack O'Lantern or March Brown's capability as chasers, I am of the frank opinion that Viber is a hard nut to crack.

The style, in which he won the Shatuskok Hurdle at the last meeting, was like a tiger over the sticks in a circus show, and he certainly does not lose any ground at the hurdles. I admit that Viber has not as yet given us a public performance over the fences, but that is a secondary matter.

Since the inception of this classic there have been only three winners, namely, W. T. Stator, L. Reddy and Lt-Col H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., who have won more than once, and in the contest's 15 years' history, Easter Day, As You Like It, Christmas Frolic, Pride of Tsingtau and Ebony Idol had consecutive successes.

However, March Brown and Jack O'Lantern should fill the lower positions in the frame. Chubby Number is a new comer and so is Ploughboy.

Hunter's Cup

Special Dollar Cash Sweep

THE HUNTERS' CUP, a handicap flat for "D" class China ponies, is a short run over seven furlongs, but it will be the event of the afternoon on account of a special dollar cash sweep being conducted on the race.

Royal Wedding Eve should have "an easy walk" with King's Worthy and Royal Highness fighting hard to trail her.

must be left to readers' discretion. For calculating weight in England, a length equals to 3 lb. with a neck being equivalent to 2 lb. and a head is allowed 1 lb. This scale should be useful to assist punters in spotting the winner.



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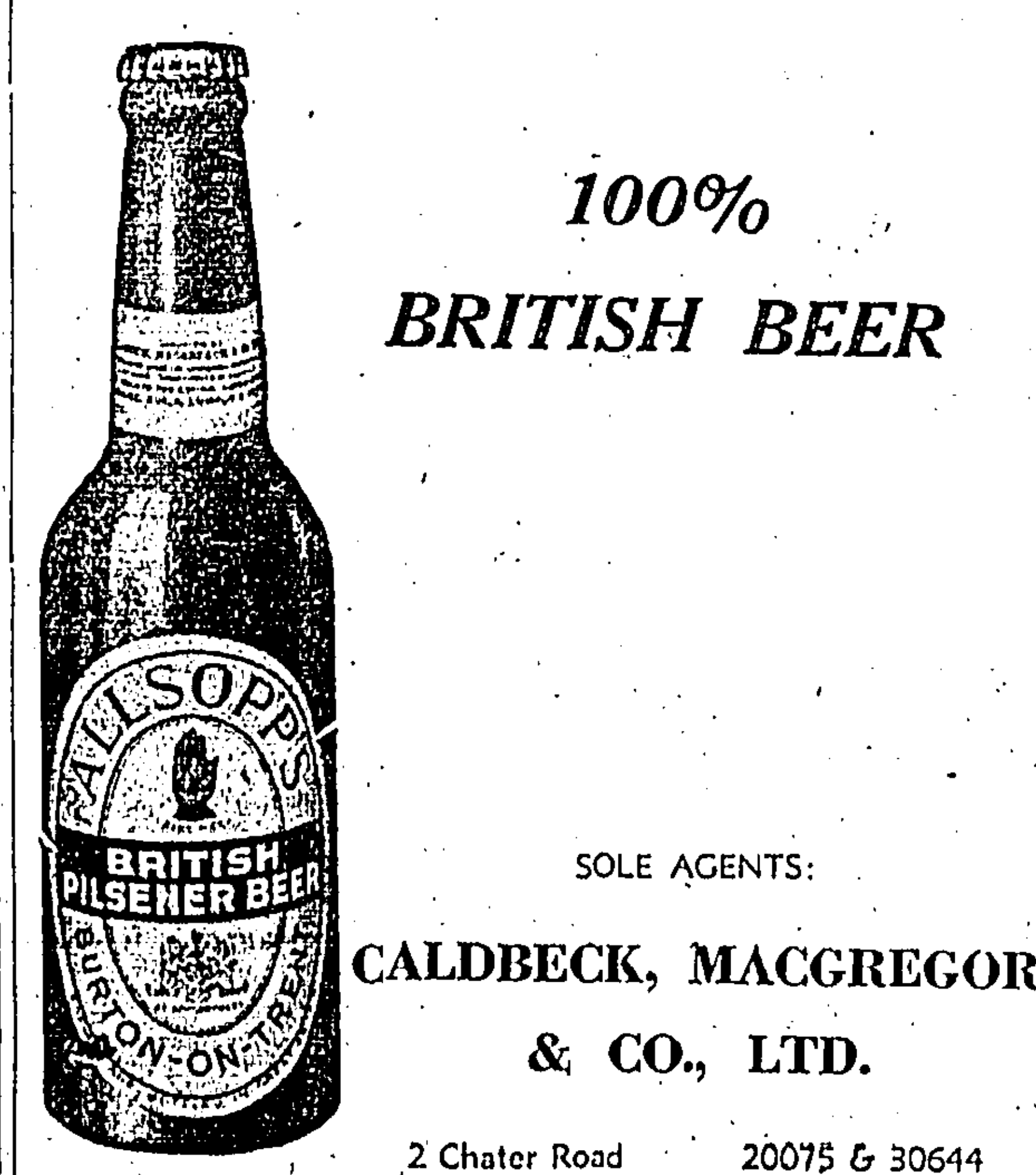
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Expert Says Invasion Is A Bluff To Tie Up Army

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—In the opinion of Colonel Klen writing for a Swedish newspaper, the Axis must win a decisive victory this year or the Allies will become too strong for her. To win Germany must attempt an invasion or rely on blockade.

An invasion necessitates control of the immediate waters, security against the enemy air force and the breaking down of shore defences.

Since none of these conditions exists the invasion will probably remain a threat binding the British forces to the British Isles.

It remains for Germany to win by blockade. She has better submarine bases now but anti-submarine weapons are also improved. America has already transferred 50 destroyers to Britain and she still has 211 against Japan's 85, leaving 100 more U.S. destroyers which can be transferred to the Atlantic to operate against German submarines either by direct intervention or by transfer to Britain.

In addition mosquito boats can be produced in large numbers and there is a considerable amount of shipping frozen in American waters which can be transferred to Britain.

Finally, British bombers operating against submarines in their bases and at sea are causing severe losses. The technical possibilities exist for fighting submarines if they can be brought into use quickly enough.

On Britain's Beaches
(By "REUTERS" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Mar. 20.—Lighting up Britain's southern shores from the beaches with lights searching far out to sea would have quickly exposed a Nazi invasion had it followed the heavy raid on London during Wednesday night.

Under the pale light of a half-moon, I watched from a coastal battery's observation post near the forepost. The crews of searchlights, guns and "other devices" which the British Army now possesses turned out for a practice alarm call. It took them just 30 seconds to reach their posts.

Their job was to spot the invasion.

KING ON BOARD NEW WARSHIP Tours Plymouth With Queen

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The King was aboard one of the American destroyers taken over by Britain when he visited Devonport Dockyard to-day.

It was the first time that the King had been aboard one of these warships and as an old naval officer, he was very interested in her equipment and armament.

This destroyer is manned entirely by Canadians.

The King inspected the ship's company, drawn up on deck, and later he was received aboard the flotilla leader by the Captain and inspected officers and ratings who, a few hours before, had been at action stations ready to engage any enemy ship.

A Decoration

On the quayside the King decorated a Polish naval officer, Captain Hulewicz, with the D.S.O. amid the cheers of British, Free French and Polish officers and ratings.

Meanwhile the Queen chatted with wounded officers and sailors at the Naval Hospital.

Escorted by Lady Astor, deputising for her husband, the Lord Mayor, who is ill with influenza, the King and Queen toured the bombed areas of Plymouth.

Dutch Lose A Freighter

BATAVIA, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The Navy Department of the Netherlands East Indies reported to-night that the Dutch freighter, Simuloes, of 6,500 tons, must be considered lost after an air attack in the Atlantic at the beginning of March.

It is believed that of the crew of 71 only two are missing; they are Chinese firemen.

Women Say Red Tape Is Holding Up War Work

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The House of Commons to-day had an "All-Woman Day." Seven out of ten of the M.P.'s joined forces for the first time to present the case of the women of Britain to the Government—and they did so with feminine forcefulness.

The debate was on the organization of woman-power and the theme of most of the speeches was that women were anxious to take up war work but were prevented by rules and regulations which discouraged them.

Much good humour enlivened the proceedings.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Mr. R. Ascheton, admitted that if the Government failed to attract as many men as were needed, it could only be because it approached them in the wrong way. If compulsory powers had to be used, it would be in an almost negligible number of cases.

Only three men participated in the debate and at the conclusion, Sir John Anderson, Lord President of the Council, in winding up, apologised as a man for his intervention on the ground that "fools rush in where angels feared to tread."

U. S. ALIENS IN BRITAIN

—Treatment

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Cheers greeted the ministerial announcement in the House of Commons to-day that the utmost liberal policy would henceforth be followed in granting exemption from alien restrictions to United States citizens.

The Home Secretary (Mr. Herbert Morrison) said that it would not do to assume that every American citizen can be treated as if he were a British subject but all Chief Constables will administer the regulations sympathetically in the case of Americans unless there is reason to the contrary.

General Gough Is Col., Home Guard

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—A full general becomes a Home Guard colonel in the first list of appointments of that body issued by the War Office.

He is General Sir Hubert Gough, who becomes a zone commander, a position from which he resigned last year because he is above the age limit—he is 71.

Nazi Standards For Manchukuo

TOKYO, Mar. 20 (Domei).—Mr. Shinji Yoshino, first economic adviser to the Manchukuo Government, is leaving for Europe early in April on an inspection tour. He will take stock of public utility economy in Germany.

WAR FUND DONATION

A donation of \$100 from the Czech-Slovak Committee brings yesterday's total of the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., to \$1,693,991.62.

The Czech-Slovak Committee have now made three donations to the Fund.

Food Parcels For Germans Sent From Thailand

BANGKOK, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Many Germans are receiving small parcels of tea, coffee, sugar and soap from friends or relatives in Thailand and the fact that these parcels have to go via Japan, Siberia and Russia is regarded as an indication of the shortage of these commodities in Germany.

The parcels are apparently described as "samples" and there is no limit to the number which can be addressed to any single recipient provided that the weight of each does not exceed one kilogramme.

Whiskey For Japan

Whiskey is the largest single item among the foodstuffs and beverages sent by the Japanese in Thailand as "gifts" to friends or relations at home. These gifts go by post, ship and aeroplane, and good whiskey is now so scarce in Japan, it is stated, that it is considered well worth paying the costs involved as well as the heavy import duties the recipients in Japan must pay.

GERMANY AND TURKEY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BERLIN, Mar. 20 (UP).—It is understood that a further exchange of views between Germany and Turkey is likely to follow Premier Inonu's message to Hitler.

Usually well informed foreign diplomatic quarters understand that Yugo-Slavia statesmen are coming to Berlin within the next two or three days to conclude a pact with Germany. German quarters, on the other hand, continue to be reticent regarding the negotiations.

Communal Clashes In India

DACCA, India, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The latest casualties in the communal disturbances which took place recently are 16 killed and 93 wounded.

The police had to fire a second time last night and killed four and wounded two.

There have been several cases of incendiarism, including four boats on the river.

Assam Warned To Be On Guard

SHILLONG, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—The need of being prepared for any contingency was emphasised by the Governor of Assam, who warned the people that air attacks may come without warning.

The Governor added that flying from the nearest aerodrome occupied by the Japanese to Shillong was only a few hundred miles.

Whether the danger was imminent or not he could not say but they should be prepared.

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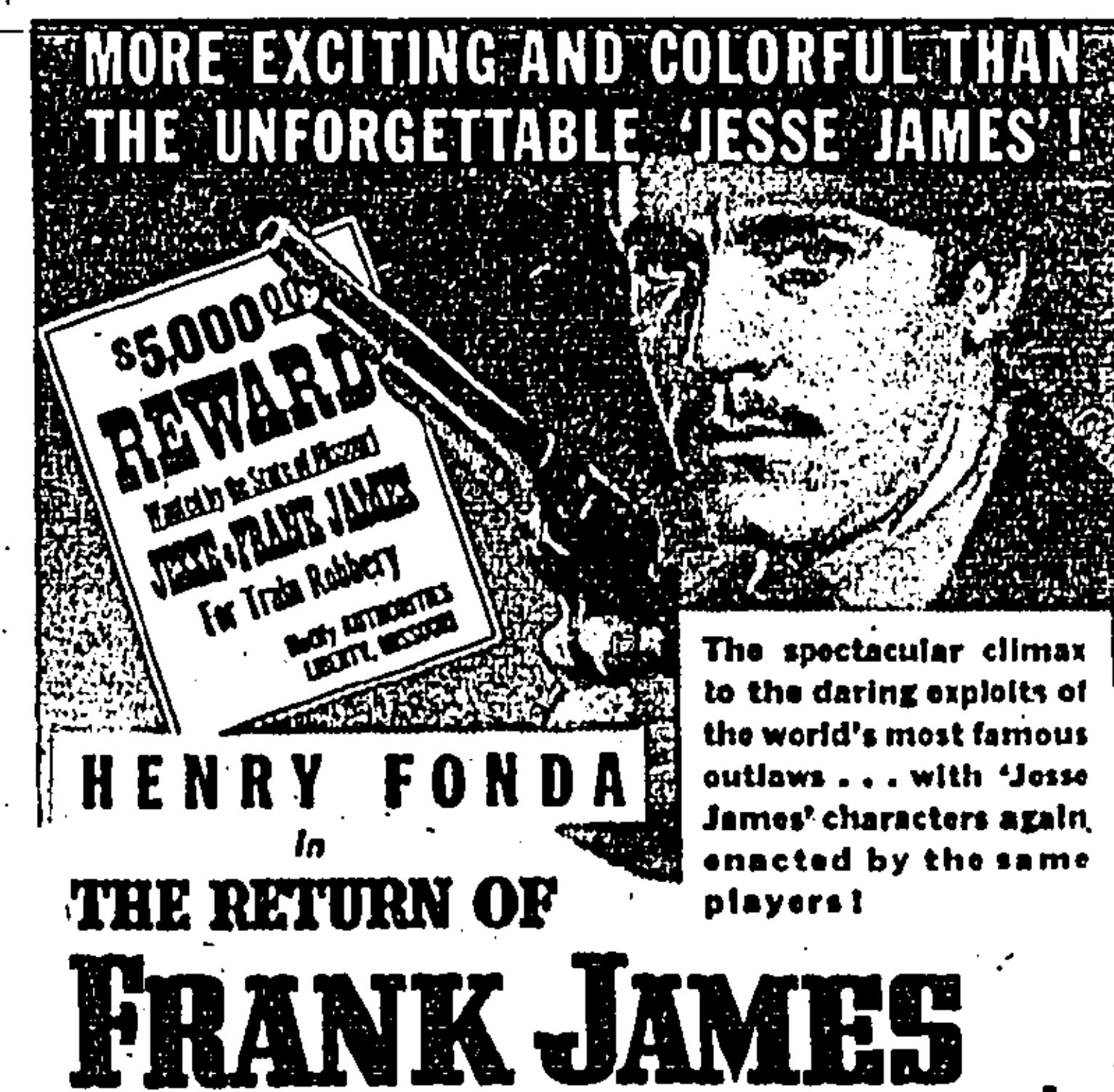
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R.A.F. Bomber Joins German Squadron

— FROM PAGE ONE —

ed them when he hurled threats at Germany in the face of Germany's vast military and spiritual start.

Daylight Raids

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—There was slight activity over Britain by enemy aircraft during daylight to-day.

On the Kent coast this morning, machine-gun fire was directed at streets in a town and bombs were dropped at two points, says the latest Air Ministry communique.

Houses were damaged and a small number of casualties occurred, some of which were fatal.

Bombs were also dropped in the south coast district but the damage was small.

London Alert

LONDON, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—An alert was sounded in the London area to-night.

Heavy gunfire soon heralded the approach of raiders, who appeared to be coming in from the Thames Estuary.

Enemy planes were believed to be in the vicinity of South-west and East Anglia.

LATE NEWS

ITALIAN ARMY DEFECTION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BELGRADE, Mar. 20 (UP).—Frontier reports state that nine Italian soldiers crossed the Yugo-Slavia frontier from Albania, reporting themselves as being dissatisfied with the fighting and declaring that dissatisfaction is increasing in the Italian army.

Belgrade Parley

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BELGRADE, Mar. 20 (UP).—A conference of the Yugo-Slavian Cabinet's inner circle was held at the White Palace at noon to-day presided over by Prince Paul, and attended by Messrs Cvetkovitch, Markovitch, Matichok and the Slovene leader M. Kulovec, Minister for War, Peleic and Chief of Staff Joseph Kostic.

It is understood they discussed the international situation, especially the negotiations now in progress with Germany.

Cholera Figures

Although 43 further cases of cholera are reported to-day, it is pointed out that only nine of them actually occurred during the past 24 hours.

The other cases occurred over a period of two or three days, notification being withheld pending confirmation.

Total cases to date number 360.

To Report On Rice Situation

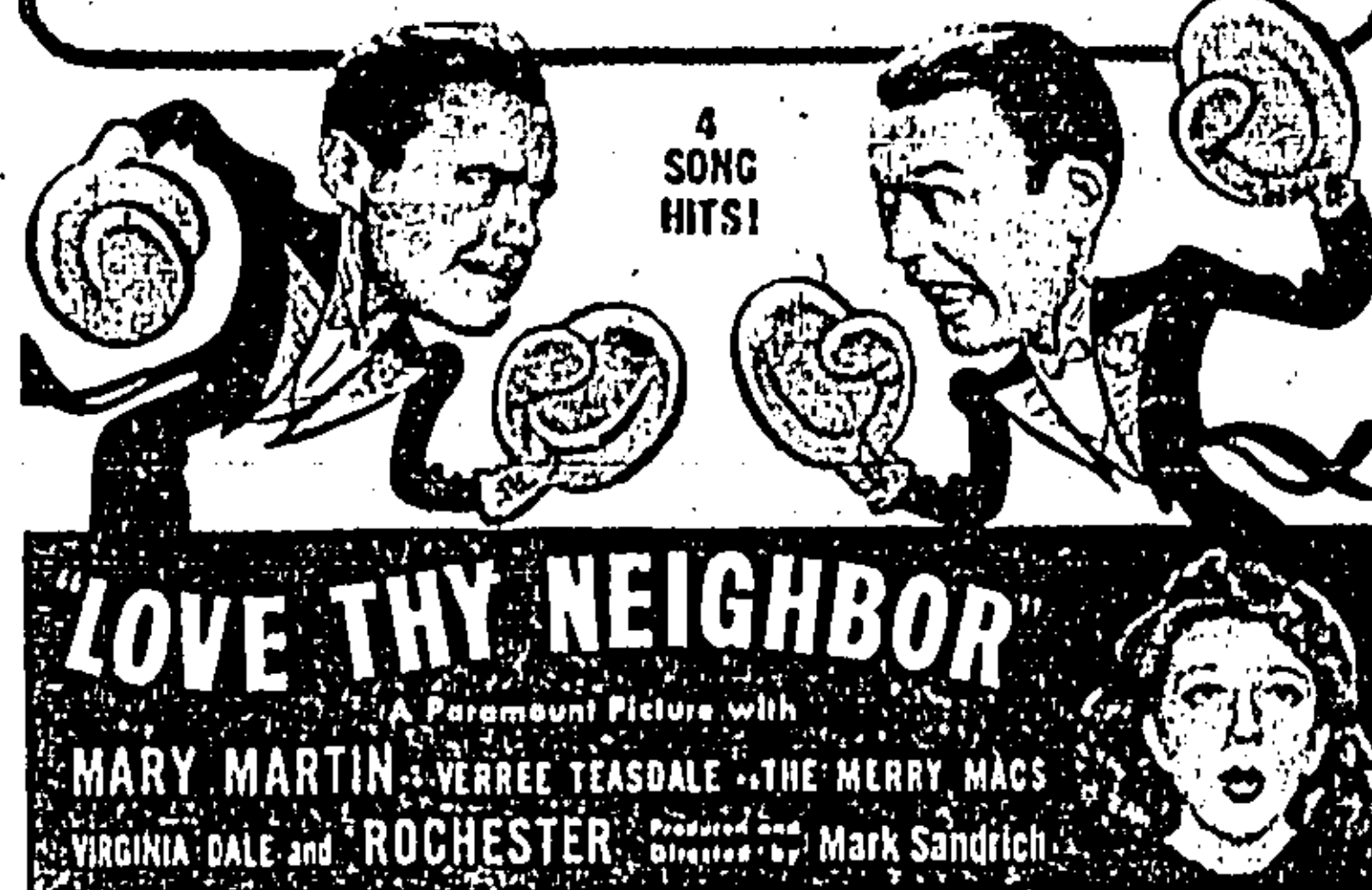
SHANGHAI, Mar. 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Yu Ya-ching, Chinese member of the Municipal Council, and well-known philanthropist left for Hong-kong on March 17 en route to Chungking to report to the Chinese Government on the rice situation in Shanghai. It was revealed to-day.

Mr. Yu Ya-ching inserted notices in the local Chinese press yesterday refuting allegations of hoarding.

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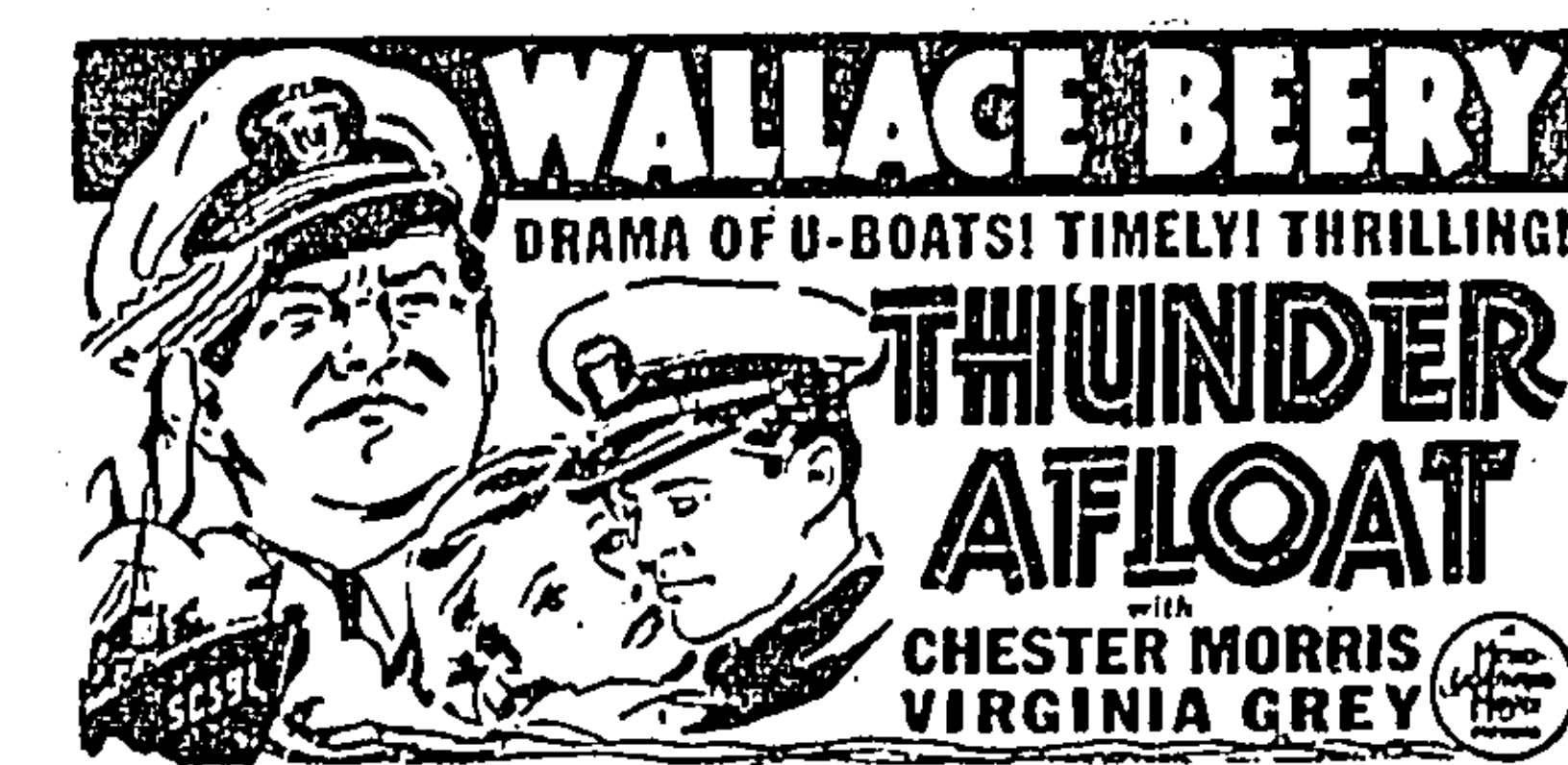
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